



Jonah: God's Pursuit of The Reluctant Prophet

Jonah 1:1-3



What is the Theme of this Book?

- Cautionary Tale?
 - Don't be like Jonah; if you disobey God, He'll hunt you down and make you do it anyway but only after He's made life miserable!
- The Unfailing Compassion of God
 - For His People
 - For the Lost

Jonah 1:1-3

[1] Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, [2] “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” [3] But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. (ESV)

Why Did Jonah Flee?

Jonah 4:2

And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster...”



He Could Not Align His Heart With The Heart of God

- Toward Himself
- Toward the Lost



God is not done with you. He's pursuing your soul.

God's mission. You are asked to see that you are God's mission.