**JONAH 4**

And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle? (Jonah 4:11)

**GOD DEALS WITH A PROPHET’S HEART**

**Jonah’s complaint (4:1)**

“But it **displeased** Jonah **exceedingly**, and he was **very angry**.”

**Jonah explains his anger (4:2-3)**

“And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for **I knew that thou art a gracious God**, and **merciful**, **slow to anger**, and of **great kindness**, and **repentest thee** of the evil.**3**Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.”

**God questions Jonah’s heart (4:4)**

“Then said the Lord, **Doest thou well to be angry?**”

**God prepares an object lesson for Jonah (4:5-8)**

“So **Jonah went out of the city**, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till **he might see what would become of the city**.**6**And the Lord **God prepared** a **gourd**, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a **shadow over his head**, to **deliver him from his grief**. So Jonah was **exceeding glad** of the **gourd**.**7**But **God** **prepared a worm** when the morning rose the next day, and it **smote the gourd that it withered**.**8**And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that **God prepared a vehement east wind**; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and **wished in himself to die**, and said, **It is better for me to die than to live**.”

**God applies the object lesson (4:9-11)**

“And **God said to Jonah**, **Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?** And he said, **I do well to be angry**, even **unto death**.**10**Then said **the Lord**, Thou hast **had pity on the gourd**, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:**11**And **should not I spare Nineveh**, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?”

**Conclusion**

God is the God of all people

Salvation is for all people willing to repent and turn to God