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Anger and Bitterness



Beauty for Ashes – Isaiah 61:3 – Part 2 of 6

The Ugly Brokenness of Man – The Beautiful Restoration of God

Jonah 3:10-4:1 “Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.”

Four Factors that will keep you from Owing Your Anger and Bitterness:

1. **Hypocrisy that is Masked as PEACE** (Jonah 1:1)
 - A. Can appear to be RIGHTEOUS
 - B. Is rooted in PRIDE
 - C. Uses Intellect to DISGUISE SIN
 - D. Does not live in REALITY
2. **Forsaken RESPONSIBILITY** (Jonah 1:3-5)
 - A. Leads to RECKLESS DECISIONS (vs 3)
 - B. Causes ISOLATION (vs 3)
 - C. It INTENSIFIES the Problems (vs 4)
 - D. Causes PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION (vs 5)
3. **Espousing CONVENIENT TRUTH** (Jonah 1:8-2:10)
 - A. Uses Truth for PERSONAL ADVANTAGE (vs 9)
 - B. Uses Truth to INSTIL FEAR (vs 9, 10)
 - C. Uses MANIPULATION (vs 11, 12)
 - D. Can Appear to SHOW REPENTANCE
4. **False Sense of INJUSTICE** (Jonah 4)
 - A. Pretends to be the Victim rather than PERPETRATOR (vs 2)
 - B. Is a Disguise to Hide the HEART MOTIVE (vs 2)
 - C. Is really about SELF-CENTREDNESS (vs 2, 3)
 - D. Will minimize COMPASSION and MERCY (vs 10, 11)