# Jonah 4:8, 9 Notes

Loving to Complain

Jonah 4:8 *"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".*

- This east wind was not like an ole time funeral home fan – to abate the heat – but rather like bellows of scorching fire at the old time black – smiths shop!
- Jonah wished himself dead – "THE GOURD'S DEAD – KILL ME". FOOLISH JONAH thinks his life is bound up in the life of a weed! *ONE WHO LOVES TO COMPLAIN IS NEVER LEFT WITHOUT SOMETHING ABOUT WHICH TO COMPLAIN!*
- Passions that run into an extreme one way, commonly run into an extreme the other way!
  "Exceedingly glad when he saw the gourd."
  "Exceedingly sorrowful when it was gone." *INORDINATE AFFECTION LAYS A FOUNDATION FOR INORDINATE AFFLICTION!*
  "What we are overly fond of when we have it – we are apt to over – grieve for when we have lost it".

Jonah 4:9 *"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".* When afflicting providences deprive us, we are to turn to the comforting provider!

- If (1st class) God could provide the first gourd so rapidly – what makes Jonah think he could not another? GOURD GONE-GOD HAS NOT LEFT!
- Jonah here justifies his discontent-anger! "I do well to be angry, even unto death" DEATH AND SIN ARE TWO DREADFUL THINGS – YET JONAH IN ANGER MAKES LIGHT OF THEM BOTH!
- At this point – Jonah has very little regard for God – as he flies into HIS face – the FACE OF AUTHORITY! Jonah said: "I HAVE A RIGHT TO BE MAD" Really NOW? Jonah speaks in haste – with no regard for God or man. Job 5:2 speaks of "*wrath that kills the foolish man, and envy that slays the silly one."*

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