



# *Rehoboth Reformed Church*

## Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

August 25, 2013

### **Title: Is It Right? (Jonah 4:7-11)**

**Main Point.** When we declare "it's not right!" we are basing that judgment upon some standard of right and wrong (law) and there is an assumption that there is a right and a wrong set of consequences (sanctions) that should follow an action. Thus when God shows mercy and compassion upon those who mean to do us harm (i.e. our enemies), it violates our sense of fairness. Yet when we stop and truly consider the just punishment for our sins (i.e. temporal and eternal death and separation from all that is good), we tend to cry for mercy for ourselves.

**Bible Study Methods:** While reading any passage of Scripture, we must keep in mind the teaching of the rest of Scripture (i.e. the various contexts). One of these contexts is what God has revealed about himself (the theological context) and what God wants us to do.

### **I. God's sovereign compassion includes chastisement (v. 6-8a)**

### **II. Jonah's sinful response - has he learned his lesson or not? (v. 8b, 9b)**

### **III. God's sovereign mercy and compassion is the last word (v. 9-11)**

**Conclusion:** God declared to Moses "*I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion*" (Romans 9:15). Who are we to tell God what He can and cannot do? Instead we need to align our thinking with God's revelation found in the Holy Scriptures and be "*transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*" (Romans 12:2).

**Preparations for next Sunday's program:** We will wrap up our study in the book of Jonah and begin to focus on the great declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Paul, namely his letter to the Romans. Please review the book of Jonah and try and recall the various bible study methods that we introduced during our series in this book.

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