

God Pursues His People

Jonah 1:4-9

Main Point:

God always lovingly pursues His wayward people; therefore, give thanks to Him and repent early of your sins.

1. When you run away from God, it can sometimes seem that you have gotten away with it.

2. But you will never get away with it because God always pursues His people in love.

3. And, in doing so, God will eventually bring you to conviction and confession of sin.

4. Therefore, give thanks for His love and repent early of your sins.

Cross-References and Quotations

Richard Phillips “A genuine Christian will never succeed in fleeing from God; at a certain point of his own choosing, God is certain to step in, and when he does he will act with pinpoint accuracy.”

Hebrews 12:6, 11 ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives ... ¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NKJV)

John 6:39 ³⁹ "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “The words [of the captain] must have seemed to Jonah like a haunting echo from the past, exposing once more the guilt of his flight from God.”

Proverbs 16:33 ³³ The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the LORD. (NKJV)

Psalms 119:71 ⁷¹ *It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.* (NKJV)

Richard Phillips “It is in the pursuing grace of God that every child of God finds true security.”