

The Most Unhappy Man

We are living in a time when people seem to be so unhappy. Even in our churches, Christians seem to be without joy.

Let's look at the unhappiest man we know of in the Bible: Jonah.

1. Jonah was unhappy with God's call (Jonah 1:1-3). He was angry because God called him to go and preach.
2. Jonah was unhappy because of the place to which God called him (1:1-3). If God was going to impose on him, surely He could have called him to a better place than Nineveh!
3. Jonah made everyone around him unhappy (1:4-17). They were unhappy because of Jonah's presence on the ship. Jonah was asleep... and he couldn't have cared less about those around him.
4. Jonah was unhappy with his classroom (the fish's belly), but he learned four things (ch. 2):
 - a) discipline (vss. 1-2)
 - b) repentance (vs. 4)
 - c) mercy (vs. 8)
 - d) salvation and praise (vs. 9)
5. Jonah was unhappy because the people repented (ch. 3). When all of Nineveh repented (4:1), Jonah was even more unhappy!
6. Jonah was unhappy because he lived to see God's kindness toward a people he hated (4:2).
7. Jonah was unhappy because God took away his temporary shelter, a vine (4:6-7). He thought more of the vine than the people of Nineveh (4:10)!

The unhappiest people are those who will not accept God's will for their lives.

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