

Jonah 1:4-6
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Sermon Notes

Job 5:6-7 ESV

6 For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble sprout from the ground, 7 but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.

The problem with storms:

1. Not all storms are the result of sin, but all soon results in storms.

John 9:2-3 ESV

2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

If we violate the design and purpose of things—if we sin against our bodies, our relationships, or society—they strike back. There are consequences. If we violate the laws of God, we are violating our own design, since God built us to know, serve, and love him.

Tim Keller

Numbers 32:23 ESV

23 But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out.

Romans 3:23 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2. The problem with storms:

The storms resulting from your sin will affect others

"No man for any considerable period can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true."

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Psalms 119:136 ESV

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Titus 1:15 ESV

15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

Jeremiah 6:15 ESV

15 Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the Lord.

The problem with storms:

3. God desires to bring something good from the storms

Psalms 32:3-4 ESV

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Hebrews 12:6 ESV

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

2 Corinthians 7:10 NLT

10 For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.