

- 1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.
2 So he prayed to the Lord, and said, "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country?

Therefore, I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

Johah 4:1-2

"God's Unlimited Mercy"
Part 2

I) God wanted Jonah to go to Ninevah for two main reasons

1) To shame Israel

Matthew 12:41 (NLT)

"The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent."

2) His love and mercy extend to all who repent of their sins

Jonah:3:10 (NKJV)

"Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it."

II) God's unlimited mercy is motivated by love in two ways:

1) God's Love never changes.

Romans 8:38 (NLT)

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love."

2) God's Mercy and Love are Boundless

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)