Sunday, November 8, 2026
Glimpsing God's Heart in Judgment
Isaiah 14:28-16:14

Scripture passage: Jonah 3:10-4:11

1. God is more _____ than we can imagine.

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"'Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You."

Jeremiah 32:17

"The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. [11] The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation."

Psalm 33:10-11

3. God is more _____ than we can imagine.

"[11] Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?"

Ezekiel 33:11

"My brethren, though God is just, yet his mercy may in some respect said to be more natural to him than all acts of justice itself that God does show, I mean vindictive justice. In these acts of justice there is a satisfaction to an attribute, in that he meets and is even with sinners. Yet there is a kind of violence done to himself in it, the Scripture so expresses it; there is something in it that is contrary to him. "I desire not the death of a sinner"-that is, I delight not simply in it, for pleasure's sake.... When he exercises acts of justice, it is for a higher end, it is not simply for the thing itself. There is always something in his heart against it.
But when he comes to show mercy, to manifest that it is his nature and disposition, it is said that he does it with his whole heart. There is nothing at all in him that is against it. The act itself pleases him for itself. There is no reluctance in him."

\- Goodwin

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

Exodus 34:6-7

"[10] When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. [2] He prayed to the Lord and said, "Please, Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, in order to forestall this, I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity."

Jonah 3:10-4:2

"[8] But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. [9] The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:8-9

4. God's plan of salvation is _____ than we can imagine.

<u>Application:</u>

- **Take sin seriously. Ask God to reveal it and kill it in your life.**
- **God is quick to show mercy – be quick to repent.**
- **Allow your view of God to be totally formed by the Bible and rejoice that God is far more glorious and good than you could imagine.**