

Title: - Do we live the Christian Life as Sensual or Spiritual ?

Reading: Jonah 4 v 1 – 10

1. Run or Respond ?

Chapter 1 examines Jonah's plan to escape doing God's bidding.

Why, after 40 years as a prophet, did Jonah take such action ?

Was God challenging Jonah's complacency and his comfort ?

When approaching Joppa, everything seemed to fall into place for him
– therefore do our external circumstances confirm God's will ?

2. Sink or Serve ?

Chapter 2 examines how God got Jonah's attention.

Periods of sinking are not God's punishment.

God was still attentive in the very depths of his despair

God wants us to call out to Him in every situation.

3. Object or Obey ?

Chapter 3 examines Jonah grudgingly obeying.

God's instantaneous response – revival !

Jonah still had his own agenda here – obvious by his reactions.

4. Sulk or Sing ?

Chapter 4 reveals Jonah's totally selfish attitudes.

Jonah's emotions get the better of him and the 60 yr old man has a tantrum.

He's only able to focus on his own immediate circumstances (& comfort)

He completely misses the bigger picture of God's purposes.

God's final challenge is – "What are your priorities ?"

Are we going to merely function at a physical (sensual) level, or are we able to begin to function as the Spiritual beings God created us to be ?