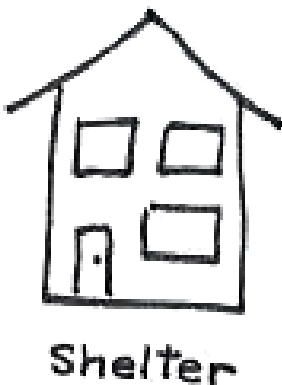
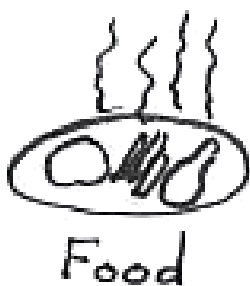


Jonah Part 3

What Do You Expect?

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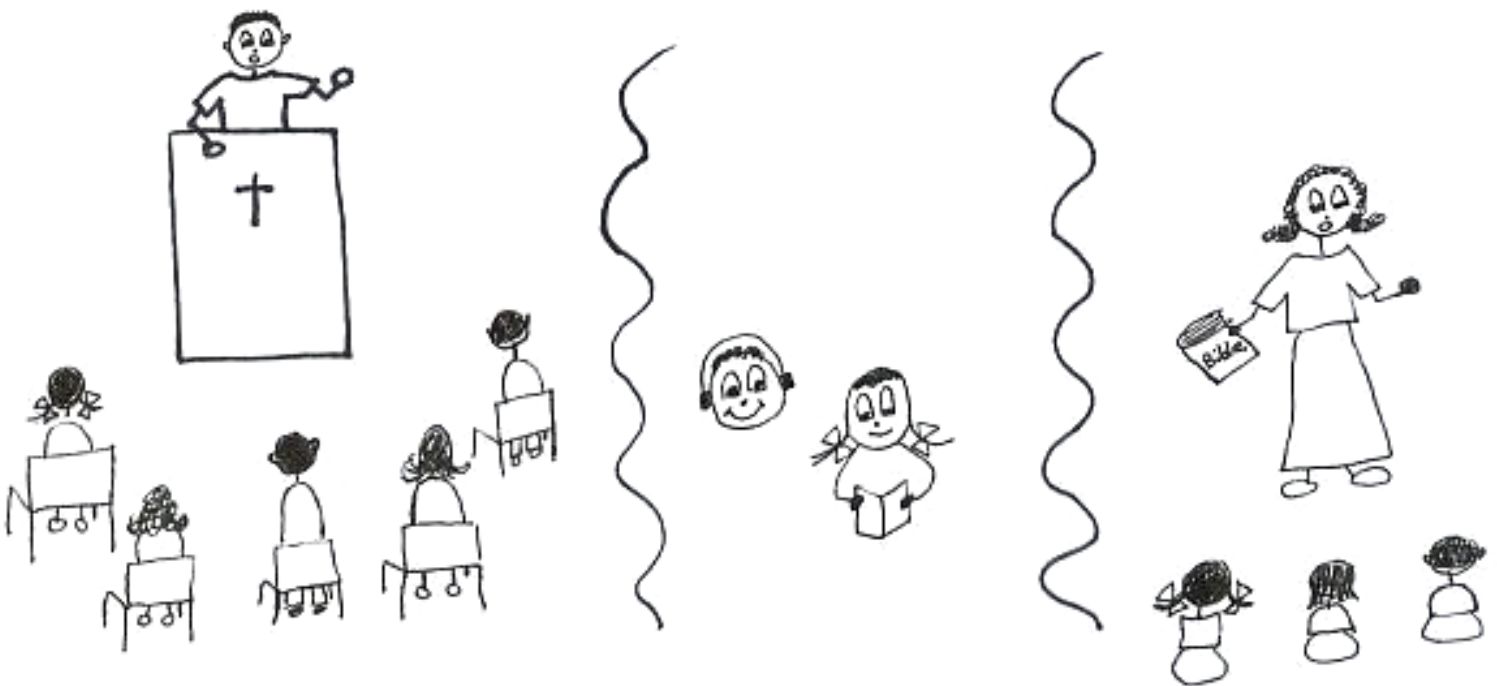
What do you expect to happen in your daily life? I'm sure you expect food, shelter and clothing. God has promised you those things. You can expect them. You might expect ice cream sundaes, a mansion and fashion name clothes. God has not promised you those things. You can't expect them. When our expectations - thoughts of what we think should happen - are from God's viewpoint, we can count on them. However, many times they are based on emotion, our old sin nature, and the cosmic system - human viewpoint. Danger! God's expectations are based on divine viewpoint and His grace and mercy.* God's expectations bring security in our lives! *Grace and mercy: unmerited, favorable treatment; favor expressed towards the undeserving.



Luke 6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

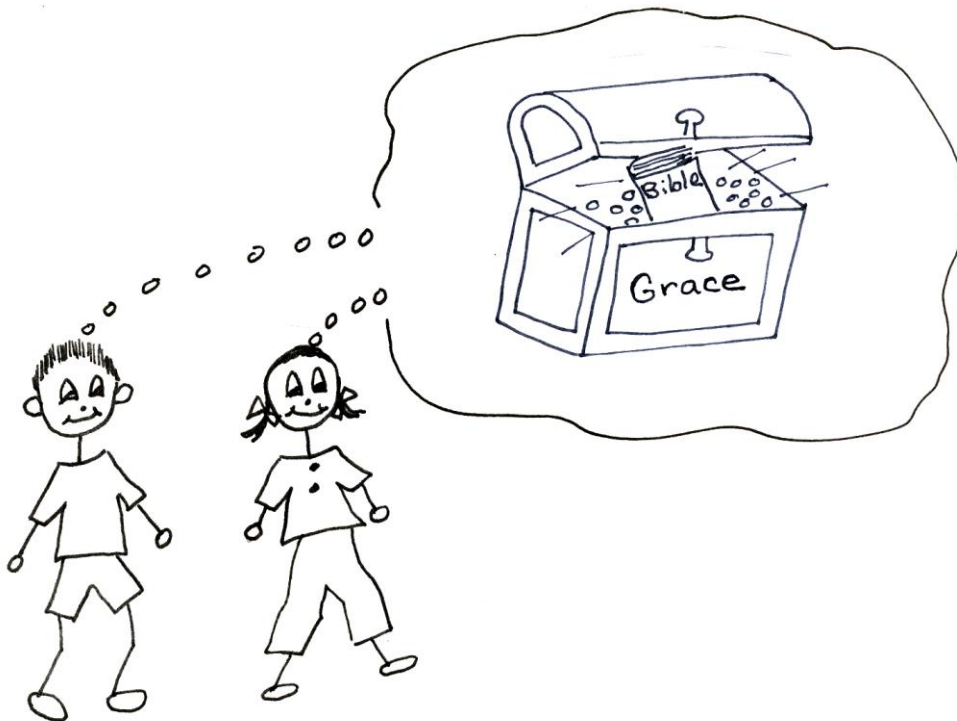
God wants us to examine our thinking and see if it goes along with His thinking of grace and mercy. We can learn what God expects from us through His word. Bible doctrine resets our expectations. Recalculating! The Holy Spirit shows us the right direction to go in the spiritual life. We need true humility* for the resetting to work. Grace orientation is the key to get rid of our own expectations and live in God's grace expectations.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Biblical Humility - Being Truly Humble*.



Many times our expectations will build disappointment in us if we don't get what we expect. Our expectations can bring us self-induced misery. God's expectations will deliver us from misery. He always gives us mercy: unmerited, favorable treatment. God wants us to see if we are using His mercy, treating others and ourselves with His expectations and not ours! His thinking is not based on emotion but on His integrity!* God will give us the power to get His expectations and they won't disappoint us!

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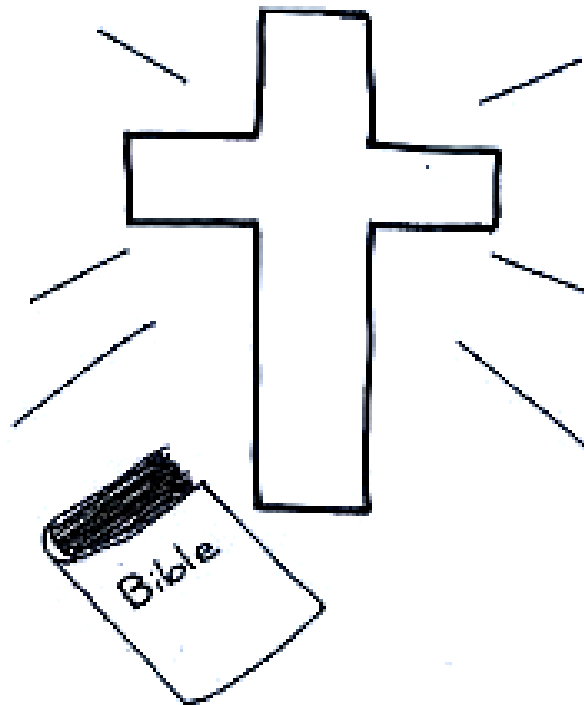
Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Jonah got off track and wanted to follow his expectations. He was subjective, or self-centered, in his thinking. He was letting his emotions rule his thinking. Emotions can't think! God wanted him to get back on track and think objectively. This means to think using divine viewpoint, God's thinking. Many times we get off track and use our emotions to tell us what we should expect from others and from ourselves. We have unrealistic expectations. This gives us self-induced misery! Ouch! God's objective, realistic expectations will get us back on track. Ahhh, peace!



Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways," declares the LORD.

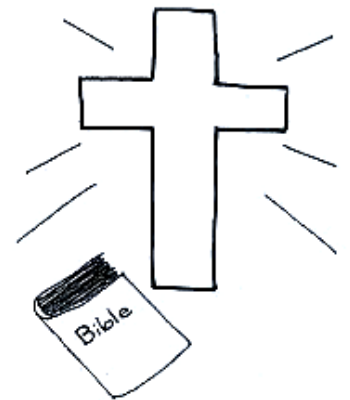
True mercy is objective; it is not influenced by emotion or personal opinion! It is a thought process influenced by divine viewpoint. We have to learn it. The more Bible doctrine we have, the more mercy we will experience, and the more objective we will be with others and ourselves. We'll have realistic expectations, God's expectations! Being honest about our motives - our reasons for doing something - is a necessary step in our spiritual growth. God knows our motives; He wants us to know our motives! He wants us to be objective.



1 Chronicles 28:9 As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts [He knows our motives].

If Jonah had followed God's thinking instead of his own, he would have saved himself from a lot of self-induced misery! God expected him to use His power and obey His plan for his life. It would have been easier on Jonah to relax in God's expectations than to run away from them. It's easier on us to follow God's expectations instead of our own. He will never give us more than we can handle! When we live outside of God's plan, we give ourselves more than we can handle! Jesus always followed the will of God the Father, used the power of the Holy Spirit, and learned Scripture. He went through tremendous suffering using the thinking and power of God. Great thinking! Great power!

Matthew 11:28-29 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke [My thinking] upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.**

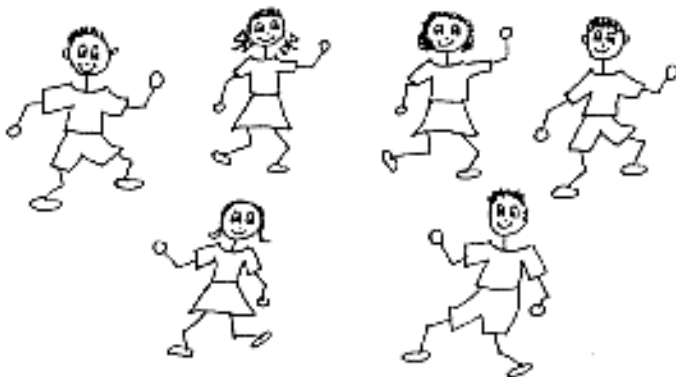
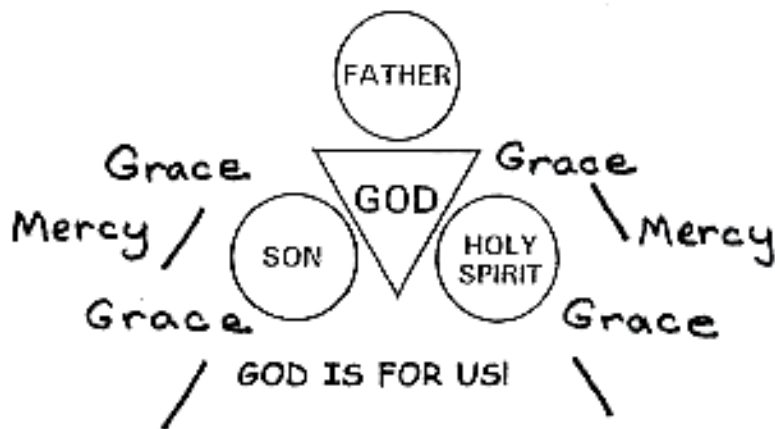


Jonah wanted God to use his expectations - his subjective, selfish thinking. What arrogance! He wanted God to destroy the Ninevites. He was angry when God didn't. We know God never would be subjective in His thinking. God asked Jonah, "Do you really have a right to be angry?" We can ask ourselves the same question when someone or something makes us angry. Are we being merciful or miserable? Are we following God's expectations - learning, believing and using Bible doctrine?



Proverbs 11:17 The merciful man does himself good, but the cruel man does himself harm.

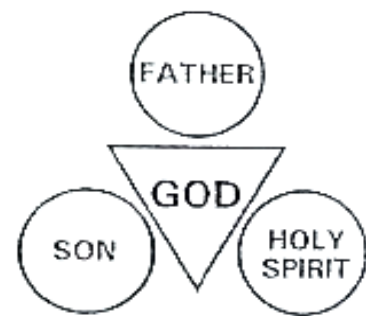
The Bible tells us that "possessing" mercy is as much about YOU and ME as it is about those who receive our mercy. The reason for this is that when we use it, it brings about true freedom in our thinking! When we use mercy with others and ourselves, we don't have unrealistic expectations; we use God's expectations. We know we all will fail at times! We can encourage each other with Scripture, God's expectations. If we don't use mercy, we can be very mean and subjective. We will be hurting ourselves as well as other people. Ouch! Our old sin nature will be getting what it wants! It has awful, untruthful, unrealistic expectations. It wants to put us in bondage! **MERCY!**



Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

God's mercy is endless! He gave Jonah lots of mercy! He gave the Ninevites lots of mercy! He gives us lots of mercy! It's up to us to choose to experience it. He lets us choose to be disobedient and tie ourselves up in our own expectations - thinking. When we see our hopelessness and helplessness and return to His thinking, in His perfect timing He shows us His mercy. We experience it! This is the only way we will understand it; we have to experience God's mercy so we can see how it works! God doesn't want us to remain tied up in our disobedience; He wants us to accept His mercy and grace and be free in obedience to Him! God will never let us down!

We can expect His unmerited, favorable treatment!!



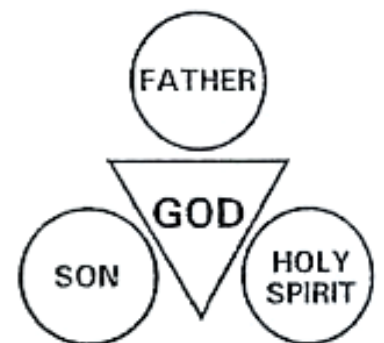
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Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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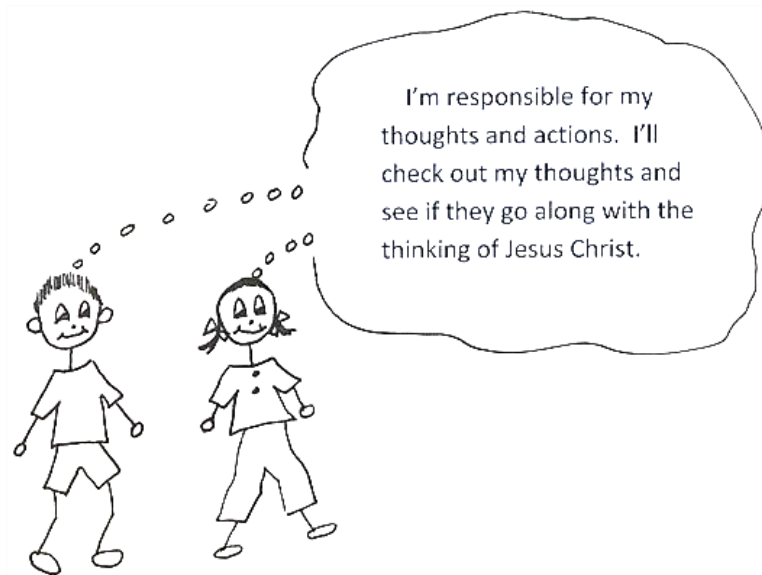
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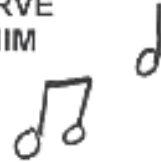
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8. How do we become objective in our thinking?
9. How does mercy help us?
10. Does God run out of mercy?



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