

God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." Jonah knew that if the Word of God came to Nineveh, that greatest enemy of Israel would ~~be~~ last longer and be stronger, and Jonah didn't want to be an instrument in strengthening his nation's enemy, and so he fled to Tarshish. But Jonah didn't understand here, it was a great confusion in his mind. The best that he could do for Israel was to bring the peace of God to the people of Nineveh. It was a misplaced patriotism ; it was a _____ patriotism instead of an intelligent patriotis^m that

And when we get to thinking that we are something in ourselves ,aside from our loyalty to God , aside from our following God, we can expect God's blessing to depart from us. When you hear of people saying Oh, don't ~~go~~ over and bring Christianity to those people . Don't try to bring Western civilization to those people . Just~~g~~ go and help them develop what they've ~~god~~ got. What do you mean by that : western civilization. You mean the civilization in which the Biblical principles of the importance of the individual have been allowed to be effective in your work in the development of the nation. There's much that is wicked and wrong in western civilization, but you find exactly the same ~~x~~ thing in all other civilizations, the selfishness , the brutality, but the thing that distinguishes western civilization is the ~~x~~ teaching of the Bible has had a chance to work and we shouldn't be ashamed of western civilization. We should take what is good in the civilization, -because- ~~ta~~ and take it to people because what is good in western civilization came from the Bible and ~~that~~ what has made us strong will make them ~~see~~ strong and what has made us weak will hurt them too. It's not a-matter America, it's not western civilization, but it is God's word as it has shown itself in the marvelous blessing that He has brought us ~~the~~ here . And now we look at the wonderful mercy of God to Jonah. Here