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 - C. Jonah justifies his bitter anger. v. 9 (Gen. 3:9-13, 4:9-10, Is. 6:8, Lk. 22:48, Rom. 3:4, Rev. 3:9, 1 Kings 19:4)

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