

Awakening 2017: Speak, O Lord

Psalms 20

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

A prayer for the king

1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.
2 Remember thy sacrifice, O Lord; and let thy hand be lifted up to answer thy prayer.
3 For thou hast refused to call upon me in the day of my distress.
4 Therefore shall mine enemies say, There is no help for him: for he hath refused to call upon the Lord his God.
5 I will be as one that cryeth for help, and shall not be answered: for I have refused to call upon the Lord my God.
6 Hearken, O Lord, to my voice, for I have called upon thee: and thou shalt answer me, for thou art merciful.
7 Remember thy mercies, O Lord, and how I have called upon thee: for thou art merciful.
8 Thou, O Lord, hast said, I will not be angry with thee, nor will I rebuke thee: for thou art merciful.
9 Therefore shall mine enemies say, There is no help for him: for he hath refused to call upon the Lord his God.
10 Thou, O Lord, hast said, I will not be angry with thee, nor will I rebuke thee: for thou art merciful.

Psalms 21

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

Splendor and success of the king

1 THE KING shall joy in thy strength, O Lord, and in thy salvation have greatly shall he rejoice.
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.
3 For thou shalt answer him in the day of trouble: and thou shalt save him out of all his troubles.
4 Therefore shall he say in his heart, I will not be moved: for I have trusted in the Lord.
5 Thou, O Lord, hast said, I will not be angry with thee, nor will I rebuke thee: for thou art merciful.
6 Therefore shall mine enemies say, There is no help for him: for he hath refused to call upon the Lord his God.
7 Thou, O Lord, hast said, I will not be angry with thee, nor will I rebuke thee: for thou art merciful.

Psalms 22

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from me, O God of salvation?

Psalms 23

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, O Lord, and thou art my God.

5 Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies: thou hast enlarged my refuge, and thou art my God.
6 Thou art good, O Lord, and thy tender mercies reach unto thousands.
7 Thou, O Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
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Failure and Grace

John 8:1-11



**1. Jesus
condemns
judgmental,
pharisaic
legalism.**

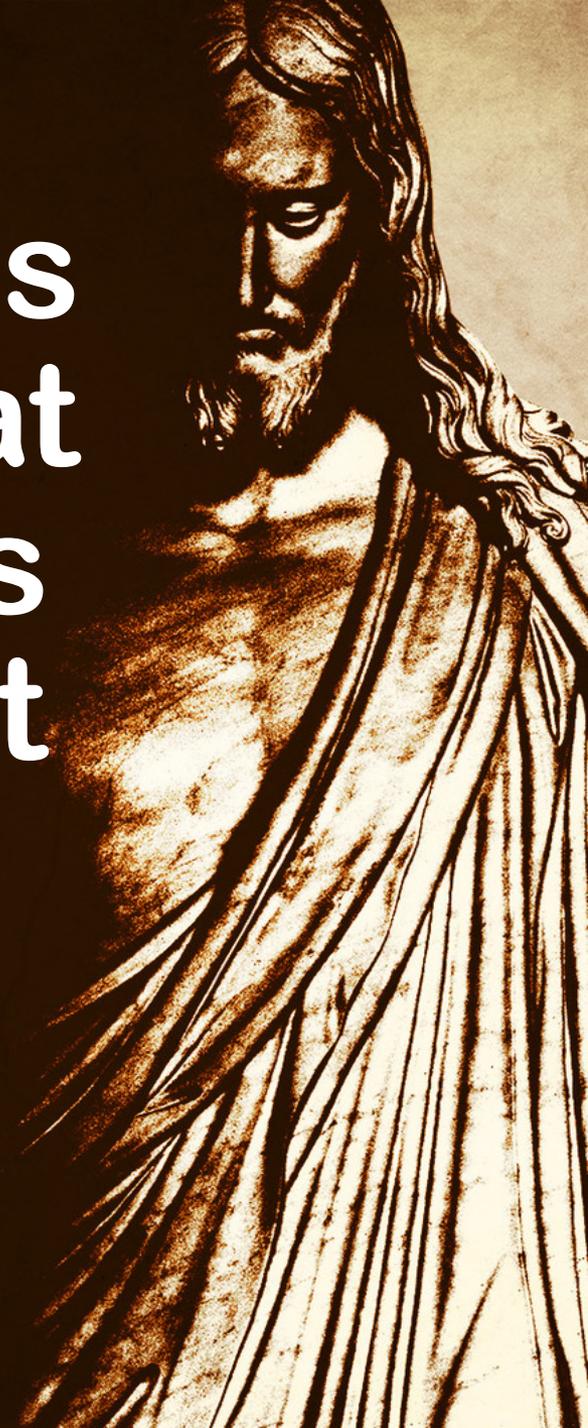
The Pharisees
pitted their
staunch legalism
against how
Jesus appeared
to bend the rules.



**The Pharisees
attempted to trap
Jesus in a no-win
scenario that
presented mercy and
the Law of Moses as
opposing principles.**

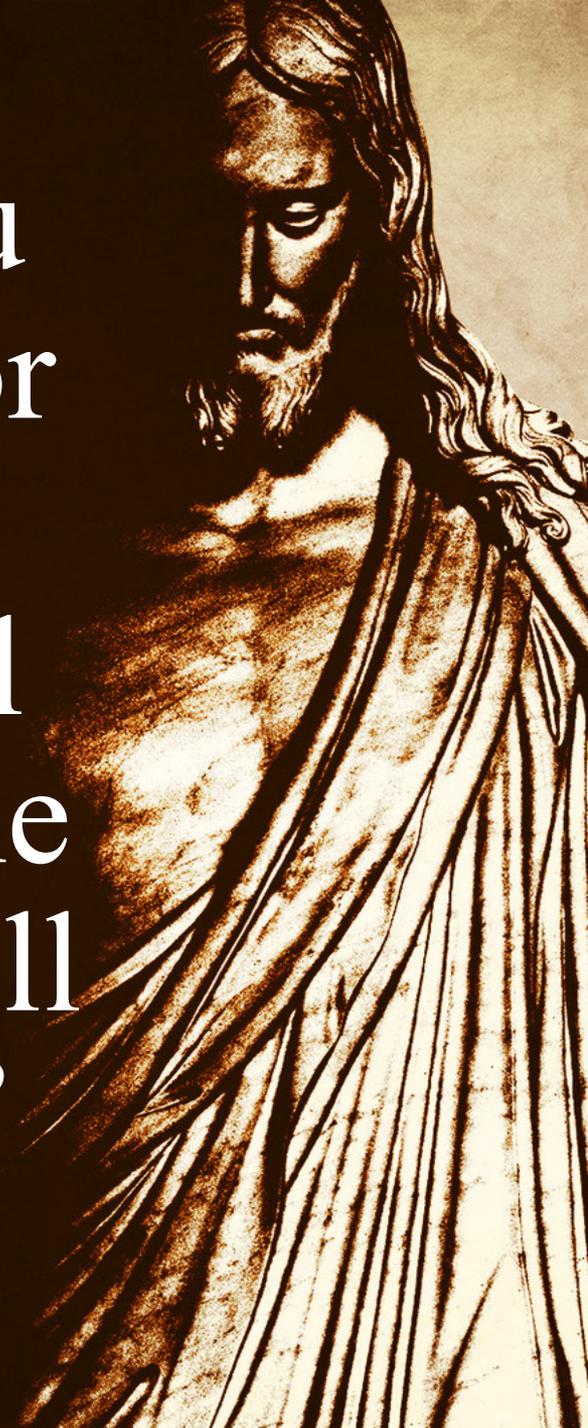


The standard Jesus demanded was that to condemn others for their sin, I must not be subject to condemnation myself. 8:6b-8



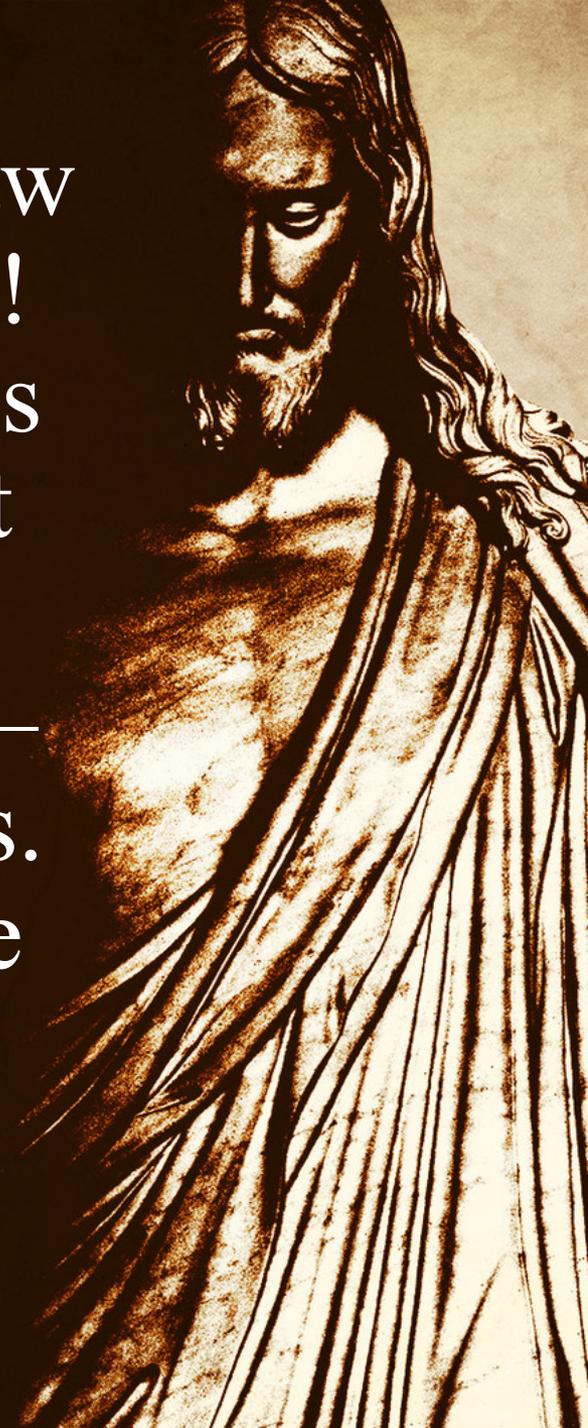
“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 7:1



“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices —mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law— justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

Matthew 23:23



The most mature
among the legalists
were quick to
realize they could
not condemn the
woman without
also condemning
themselves. 8:9



If my zeal for God's
word causes me to
lose my
compassion for
individual sinners
then I have missed
the point of God's
word.





**2. Jesus extends
mercy and
forgiveness to moral
failures without
compromising his
moral standards.**

Jesus does not
condemn the
sinner, though he
has the right.



“For God did not
send his Son into the
world to condemn
the world, but to
save the world
through him.”

John 3:17



Therefore, there is
now no
condemnation for
those who are in
Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1



By not
condemning
sinners, Jesus
is not
condoning sin.



87% of U.S. Adults
believe in sin:

- **Worst sins:** adultery, racism, polygamy, cloning humans, suicide, and pornography.
- **Acceptable sins:** premarital sex, gambling, physician-assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, divorce.

The love, grace,
and forgiveness
of Jesus Christ
diminishes when
I lose touch with
the depth of my
own sinfulness.



A proper response
to Jesus is to leave
behind my sinful,
self-centered life
and follow him with
faith and
obedience.

