

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 mercy be revealed unto thee.
3 Remember that thou art God, O Lord: and let not man prevail against thee.
4 Grant thee according to thy word, O Lord: and prosper all thy counsels.
5 We will rejoice in thee, O Lord: because thou hast answered us in the day of our distress.
6 Now know I that thy salvation is in the Lord: and that there is no deliverance in us.
7 He will hear him that is righteous: and will strengthen his strength in chariots, and will be exalted upon high.
8 Some have stumbled at the name of the Lord our God: but we are not confounded.
9 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
10 Save, Lord: for the king hear us when we call.

Psalms 21

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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 He shall say in his heart, I will not be moved: for I have trusted in the Lord.
4 He shall say, I will not be afraid: for I have trusted in the Lord.
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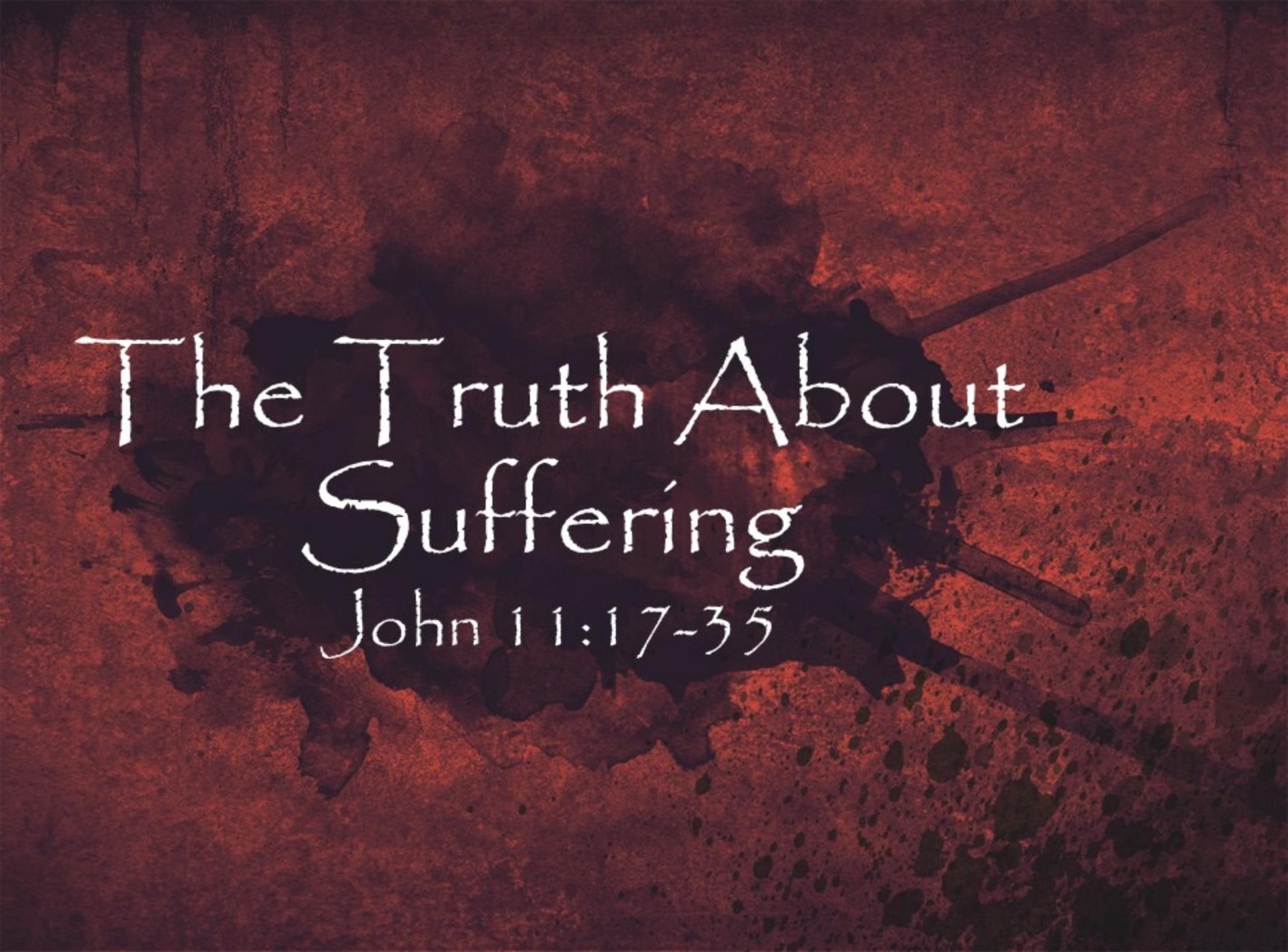
Psalms 22

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Of the sufferings of Christ

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

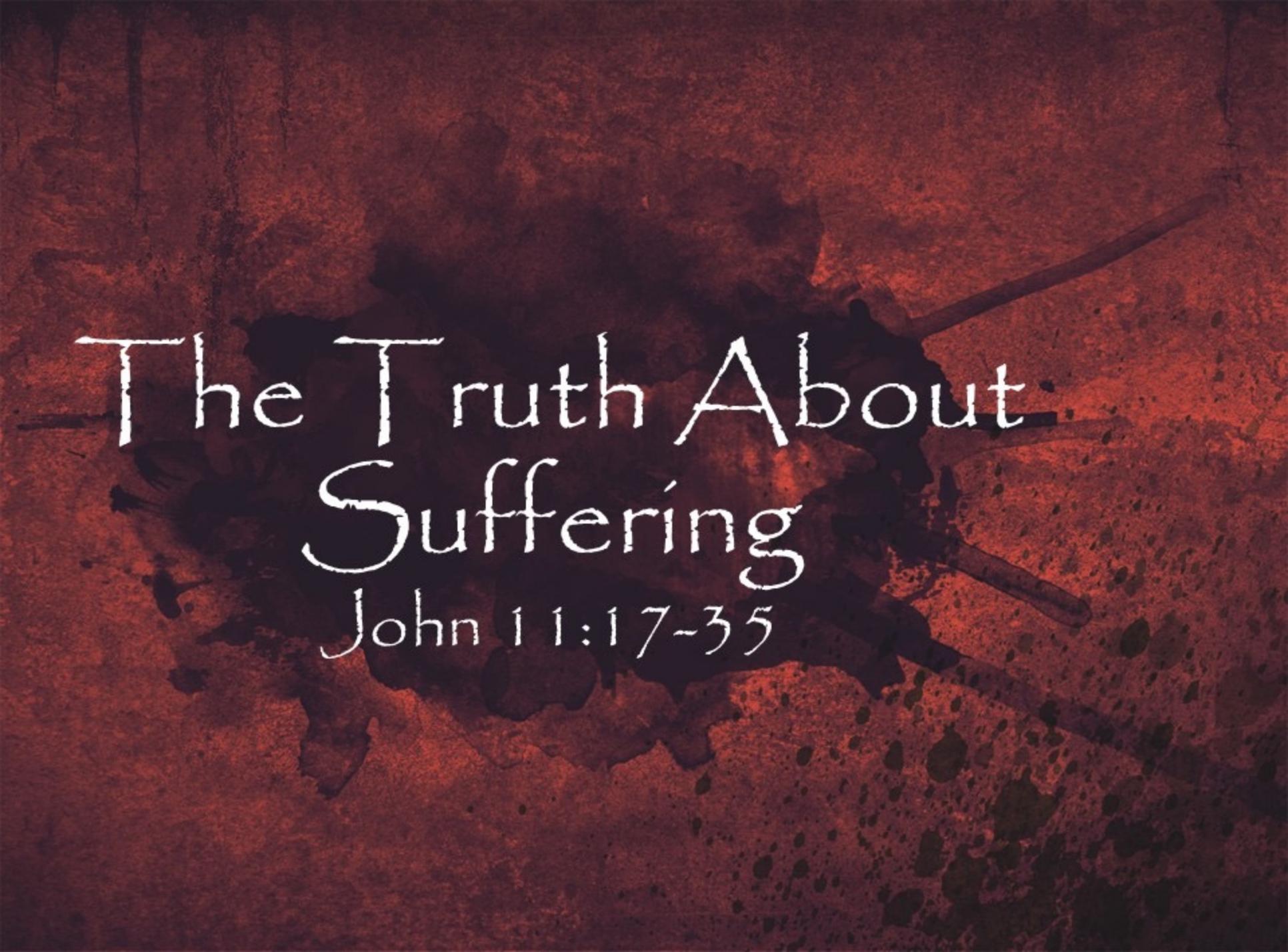
18 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant.
19 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall break my feet out of the net.
20 Turn thee unto me, O Lord: and have mercy upon me: for I am distressed and afflicted.
21 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distress.
22 Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and receive all my sighs.
23 Consider mine affliction: for they are many: and thy pain that with me is great.
24 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed: for I put my trust in thee.
25 Let mercy and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.
26 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.



The Truth About
Suffering
John 11:17-35

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The Truth About
Suffering
John 11:17-35

Jesus demonstrates
a strong, almost
angry, emotional
reaction to the grief
and pain caused by
sin and death.

Jesus has a strong
emotional reaction to
the lack of faith in
him.

The world says:

1. Deny suffering exists.
2. Control your emotions.
3. Balance your suffering and pain with pleasure.
4. Life is meaningless and absurd.

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John 11:17-35

**1. In Jesus Christ,
God experienced
suffering and death
but was victorious
over both.**

He was despised and
rejected by men, a man of
sorrows, and familiar
with suffering.

Isaiah 53:3

Because he himself
suffered when he was
tempted, he is able to
help those who are being
tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

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2. God uses my suffering to produce within me the likeness of the One who suffered on my behalf: Jesus Christ.

We must go through
many hardships to enter
the kingdom of God

Acts 14:22

Now if we are children,
then we are heirs—heirs of
God and co-heirs with
Christ, if indeed we share in
his sufferings in order that
we may also share in his
glory.

Romans 8:17

Happiness, the absence of suffering, is not the greatest good for me. Being like Jesus Christ now and forever is the greatest good for me.

And the God of all grace,
who called you to his
eternal glory in Christ, after
you have suffered a little
while, will himself restore
you and make you strong,
firm and steadfast.

1Peter 5:10

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**3. My suffering
reveals the depth of
my trust in Jesus
Christ.**

Our suffering is a work of God's divine sovereignty, and there are things about suffering God has chosen not to reveal to us.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

He who did not spare his
own Son, but gave him
up for us all—how will
he not also, along with
him, graciously give us
all things?

Romans 8:32

But you, O God, do see
trouble and grief; you
consider it to take it in
hand. The victim commits
himself to you; you are the
helper of the fatherless. You
hear, O LORD, the desire
of the afflicted;

...you encourage them, and
you listen to their cry,
defending the fatherless and
the oppressed, in order that
man, who is of the earth,
may terrify no more.

Psalm 10:14, 17-18

Jesus wept. He cares deeply about what is taking place in your life. He knows what it feels like to suffer. He overcame sin and death, and He promises to put an end to all suffering when he returns. Until then, do you know Christ well enough to trust him in the midst of your pain and trials?