



## THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

*“<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? <sup>2</sup>Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.”*

*Psalm 22:1-2 nlt*

### Introduction:

*“<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors trusted in you, and you rescued them. <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were saved. They trusted in you and were never disgraced.”*

*Psalm 22:3-5 nlt*

*“<sup>23</sup>Praise the Lord, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help.”*

*Psalm 22:23-24 nlt*

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*“<sup>21</sup>And he said: Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.” [Job 1:21](#)*

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*“<sup>20</sup>Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.”* [Job 1:20](#)

*“<sup>25</sup>But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.”* [Acts 16:25](#)

*“<sup>25</sup>He said, Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”*  
[Daniel 3:25](#) niv

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*“<sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.”*  
[Job 1:22](#)

*“<sup>1</sup>Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.”* [Psalm 4:1](#)

*“<sup>7</sup>I will call to you whenever I’m in trouble, and you will answer me.”*  
[Psalm 86:7](#) nlt

*“<sup>10</sup>In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.”*  
[1 Peter 5:10](#) niv

### **Conclusion:**

*“<sup>15</sup>I will give her her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.”* [Hosea 2:15](#)