



“Dark of the Night”
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“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? 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](#)

“Is this the one who relies on the Lord? Then let the Lord save him! If the Lord loves him so much, let the Lord rescue him!”

[Psalm 22:8](#)

“Now Pashhur son of Immer, the priest in charge of the Temple of the Lord, heard what Jeremiah was prophesying. So he arrested Jeremiah the prophet and had him whipped and put in stocks at the Benjamin Gate of the Lord’s Temple.”

[Jeremiah 20:1-2](#)

“O Lord, you misled me, and I allowed myself to be misled. You are stronger than I am, and you overpowered me. Now I am mocked every day; everyone laughs at me. When I speak, the words burst out. “Violence and destruction!” I shout. So these messages from the Lord have made me a household joke. But if I say I’ll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It’s like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can’t do it!”

[Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

WHY IS THERE PAIN AND SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

STATEMENT #1: God exists.

STATEMENT #2: God created us with a free will.

3 sources of evil and suffering

1. Because of decisions I make.
2. Because of decisions others make.
3. Because we live in a broken/sinful world.

STATEMENT #3: God is All-Knowing.

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

[Genesis 50:20](#)

STATEMENT #4: _____.

“God is near the brokenhearted.”

[Psalm 34:18](#)

“The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.”

[Psalm 18:28](#)