



Why Do You Hide Your Face?

44th in the “Psalms” Series

Psalm 44

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Introduction

In this Psalm, we are pastored to place our trust and hope in God when we suffer.

Psalm 44 teaches Christians how to trust in God’s goodness in the midst of suffering.

- 1) When we suffer, we believe the testimonies of Scripture which tell us of God’s faithfulness toward his people (vv. 1-3).
- 2) When we seek to place our trust in something or someone as we suffer, we look directly to God, in whom we have learned by experience and by faith to believe in and to wait upon (vv. 6-8).
- 3) We know that our suffering is not outside of God’s sovereign will or merciful presence, for he orders all things according to his perfect purposes (vv. 9-16).
- 4) Some human suffering is because of our sin or the sin of others, but there is not always a direct correlation between sin and suffering, for the common curse of creation affects us all (vv. 17-18).
- 5) Like God’s people have long practiced, when we suffer, we lament and cry out to the Lord for help, waiting and submitting to the God in whom we have learned to trust, the God who loves us (vv. 23-25).

Response

May this be our prayerful lament, Hope Church: “In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever” (v. 8).

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) Describe a time when you or a Christian you know personally experienced true suffering. In what ways did you/they deal with suffering?
- 2) Can you offer a good, biblical definition of “suffering” (i.e., more than a hangnail and less than a gruesome death)? And how might suffering be both personal (for one person) or corporate (for a family or a nation)?
- 3) The Psalmist opens with an account of the ways God has been faithful in the past (vv. 1-3). How do the testimonies of God’s faithfulness in Scripture give you encouragement and hope when you suffer?
- 4) The Psalmist exemplifies putting our trust in God alone (vv. 6-8). In what or in whom do you place your trust besides God when you suffer or face real difficulties? What steps might you take instinctively to redirect your trust to God?
- 5) How does this Psalm provide a helpful example of Christian lament – hopeful grieving? In what ways can or should you incorporate lament into your prayer life and Christian practices?
- 6) If you are willing, share with your small group an area in which you are currently suffering. If they are already aware, provide them with an update. How can your small group commit to praying and supporting you in your suffering?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Ecclesiastes 11:5 (Mon); John 9:1-3 (Tues); Psalm 102:1-2 (Wed); Psalm 6 (Thurs); Mark 14:36 (Fri).