

**THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE
IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES**



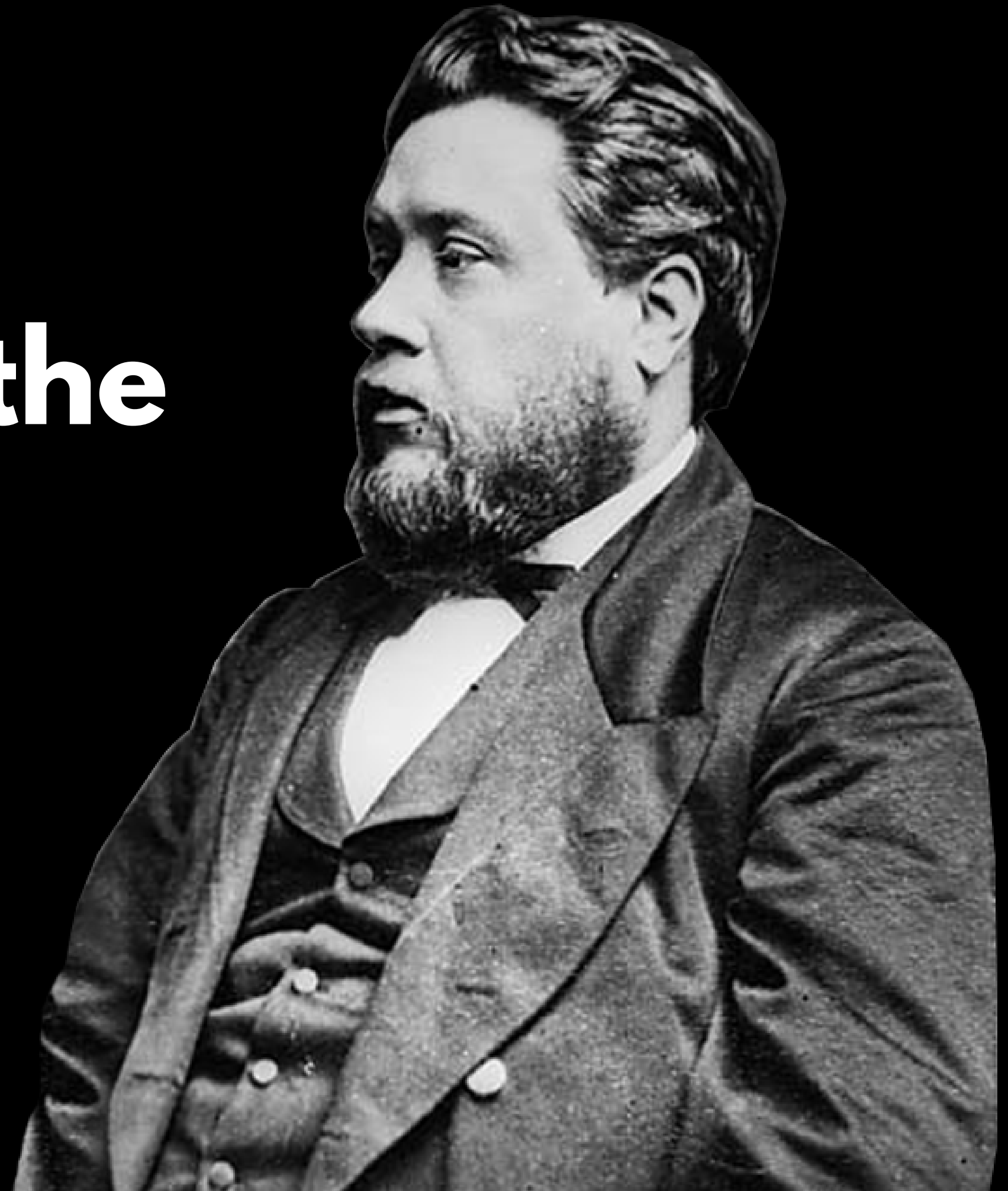
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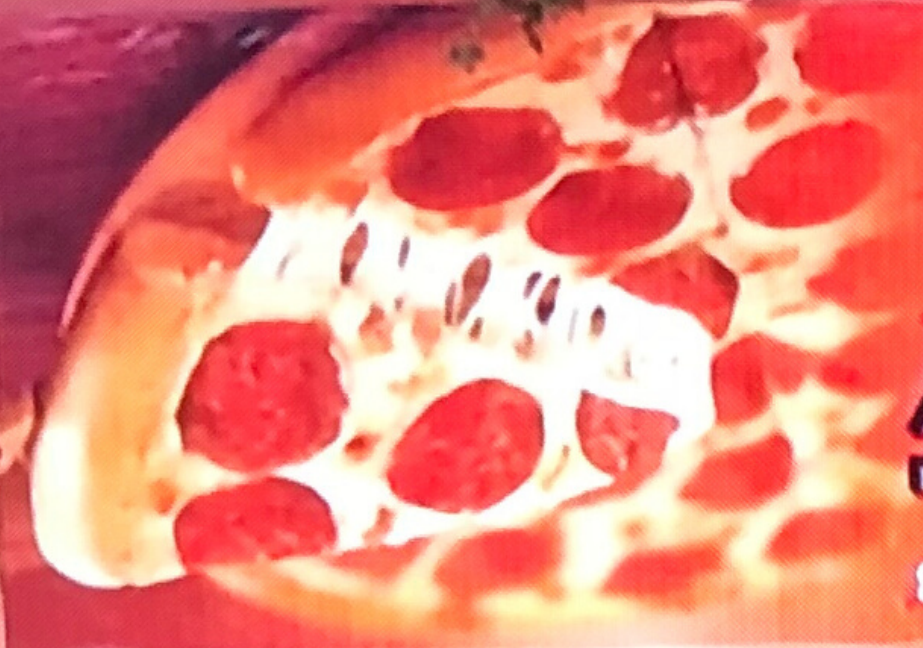
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the snail reached the
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- Charles Spurgeon



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"...My wife and I would want the world to know this...We don't follow God because we have some sort of under-the-table deal with Him, like, we'll follow you if you bless us. We follow God because we love Him. It's our honor. He is the God of the hills and the valleys. And He is beautiful above all things."

**- TobyMac
(on Truett's death)**



2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.

Proverbs 27:12

**A prudent man foresees evil
and hides himself; The simple
pass on and are punished.**

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

Matthew 24:9-13

“9. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **10.** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11.** Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **12.** And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **13.** But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Romans 5:3-4

3. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4.** perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Patience and Perseverance

Perseverance is best friends with patience. Patience is the quality of being patient, calmly waiting; perseverance is continuing on course amidst suffering, pressure and discouragement. Pressure reveals the person, ideally pressing us into God.

Ephesians 6:11; 18

11. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...**18.** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

Jeremiah 12:5

“If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?”

7 REASONS WE SUFFER

- 1. The Sake of Christ**
- 2. Satanic activity**
- 3. Sin**
- 4. Stigma of the Fall**
- 5. Selfishness**
- 6. Shunning God's laws**
- 7. Stumbling in life**

James 5:10-11

10. My brothers, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. **11.** Indeed we count them happy who endure. You have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the purpose of the Lord, that the Lord is very gracious and merciful.

ACT 1

Job 1:1-12

1. There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil. **2.** Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. **3.** His possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and very many servants. This man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job 1:1-12

4. His sons used to go and make a feast in the house of each on his day, and they would send and call for their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5.** Now when the days of feasting had run their course, Job sent and sanctified them. He would rise up early in the morning, and he would offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all, because Job said: “It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job would do always.

Job 1:1-12

6. Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary also came among them. **7.** And the Lord said to the Adversary, “From where have you come?” Then the Adversary answered the Lord, saying, “From roaming on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” **8.** And the Lord said to the Adversary, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and an upright man, who...

Job 1:1-12

...fears God, and avoids evil?” **9**. Then the Adversary answered the Lord, saying, “Has Job feared God for nothing? **10**. Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. **11**. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face.”

Job 1:1-12

12. The Lord said to the Adversary, “Look, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against his person.” So the Adversary departed from the presence of the Lord.

Job 2:1-12

1. Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary came also among them to present himself before the Lord. **2.** The Lord said to the Adversary, “From where do you come?” And the Adversary answered the Lord, saying, “From roaming on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

Job 2:1-12

3. The Lord said to the Adversary, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and an upright man, who fears God and avoids evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

4. The Adversary answered the Lord, saying, “Skin for skin; yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. **5.** Put forth Your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face.”

Job 2:1-12

6. The Lord said to the Adversary, “Very well, he is in your hand, but spare his life.” **7.** Therefore, the Adversary went out from the presence of the Lord, and he afflicted Job with severe sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. **8.** So he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. **9.** His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die.”

Job 2:1-12

10. He said to her, “You talk like one of the foolish women talks. Will we indeed accept the good from God but not accept the adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips. **11.** Three friends of Job heard about all this evil that had come upon him, and each one came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They had agreed together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

Job 2:1-12

12. They saw him from a distance and did not recognize him, so they wept aloud. Each one tore his robe, and they tossed dust into the air above their heads.

ACT 2

Job 2:11-13; 27:5

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Job 2:11-13; 27:5

13. Then they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights. Meanwhile, no one was speaking to him at all because they saw that his pain was severe.

5. God forbid that I should justify you. Until I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

АСТ 3

Job 38:1-12

1. Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: **2.** “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? **3.** Prepare yourself like a man; for I will question you, and you shall answer Me. **4.** “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding. **5.** Who has determined its measurements, if you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it? **6.** To what are its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone **7.** when the...

Job 38:1-12

**...morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God
shouted for joy?**

Job 39:1-2

1. “Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats produce offspring? Or can you observe when the deer gives birth? **2.** Can you number the months that they fulfill, or do you know the time when they bring forth?”

Job 39:9-13

9. “Will the wild ox be willing to serve you or spend the night by your manger? **10.** Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the valleys behind you? **11.** Will you trust him because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him? **12.** Will you trust him to bring home your grain and gather it into your barn? **13.** “Did you give the beautiful wings to the peacocks? Or wings and feathers to the ostrich...

Job 39:26-27

26. “Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south? **27.** Does the eagle mount up at your command and make her nest on high?”

Job 40:1-5

1. Moreover, the Lord answered Job and said: **2.** “Will he who argues with the Almighty instruct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it.” **3.** Then Job answered the Lord and said: **4.** “Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I will lay my hand over my mouth. **5.** Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.”

ACT 4

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1. Then Job answered the Lord and said: **2.** “I know that You can do everything, and that no thought can be withheld from You. **3.** ‘Who is he who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me which I did not know. **4.** “‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to Me.’ **5.** I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. **6.** Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

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7. And so it was, that after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has. **8.** And now, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job will pray for you. For him I will accept, lest I deal with you according to your folly, in that you have...

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...not spoken of Me the thing which is right like My servant Job.” **9.** So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the Lord had commanded them; the Lord also accepted Job. **10.** And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. **11.** Then all of his brothers, and all his sisters, and all of those who had been of acquaintance before came to Job, and they...

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...ate bread with him in his house, and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him. Every man also gave him a piece of money and an earring of gold. 12. So the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. 13. He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14. He called the name of the first Jemimah; and...

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...the name of the second Keziah; and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. **15.** In all the land, there were no women as beautiful as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. **16.** After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and their sons to the fourth generation. **17.** So Job died, being old and full of days.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

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