Psalm 22

Joshua Creel · Psalm 22 · Series: **Psalms**

INTRODUCTION

- When you read Psalm 22, the opening line is what jars us. And of course, we think of our Lord on the cross.
- Many of these psalms could have had an immediate context in the life of David or in the life of others, and yet they would still have messianic application.
- We will finish not by looking at that statement, but at the final statement of the Psalm. He has performed it.

1 My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Matthew 27:42–43; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13

- What does it mean for our Lord to cry out on the cross, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Is he truly forsaken by the Father here?
- It may be that the forsakenness of Jesus on the cross does in fact point to the fact that he became sin for us, and God who is holy, cannot be a part of sin.
- The forsakenness of this person of the Messiah, even is the fact that while God could rescue, God has not rescued.
- He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he delights in him, for he said, I am the Son of God. But yet God does not come to his aid.
- Whose will was it? It was God's will. You lay me in the dust of death.
- This is the Lord's answer. He is not rescued from the cross. He must die.

2 Hope Remains

Psalm 22:3–5; Psalm 22:19–21; Hebrews 5:7–10

- It is an acknowledgement that God has not come to the rescue in the greatest hour of trial.
- Yet you are holy. Everything that He's petitioning is on the holiness of God, the very character of God.
- Here's this acknowledgement that since infancy, his trust has been in God. God has not disappointed him before, and so he continues to cry out, be not far from me.
- I believe the new King James says, and rightfully so in this case, you have answered me. It's a past perfect. You have answered me.
- He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the one able to save him from the death. And he was heard because of his piety.
- It still seemed as to the whole world he was forsaken by God, and yet he was heard.

3 Not Deliverance From Death, Deliverance Through Death

Psalm 22:22–28; Hebrews 5:7–10

- But Jesus died on the cross. But was raised by the power of God. Not deliverance from death, deliverance through death.
- Did not rescue Jesus from the horrors of the cross. But rescued him from death. Rescued him through death.
- What is the result of this forsaken man? God hears. God answers.
- Not only would he give his praises to God, the congregation of Israel would give their praises to God, the nations will give their praises to God.
- He was heard, but he died, but he became high priest forever. Through him now the nations can come to God.

4 He Has Performed It

Psalm 22:31; John 19:30

- They will come and will declare his righteousness to a people who will be born that he has performed it.
- John 19 and verse 30, it is finished. It is finished. The equivalent to he has performed it in Psalm 22.
- That through Jesus' death, as it seems to the whole world forsaken by God, now true praise will come to God. Not just by Jesus, but by all who will come to God.
- So, yes, forsaken by God in that sense. But delivered by God. Delivered through death.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Wait till it is finished. Wait till he has performed it. Wait till the conclusion of the matter. And see whether or not your God has forsaken you.**

MY NOTES