

## **Walking With The King Session 3 – He Has Accomplished It! (Psalm 22)**

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### **Review**

- Psalm 1 –the righteous and the wicked
- The downward spiral
- Meditating in the Word

### **Psalm 22: The Suffering and Triumph of the King**

- A song of mockery, torture, and rejection, but ultimate deliverance
- This passage has always been viewed as prophetic of the sufferings of Christ
- It's possible Jesus actually quoted the entire Psalm on the Cross

*To the Chief Musician upon Ayeleth Shachar, A Psalm of David.*

*1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent.*

- A musical dedication or direction to the Chief Musician.
- To be sung a tune they knew: *Ayeleth Shachar* (hind or deer of the morning).
- Some see in this a reference to the Messiah, hounded and persecuted.

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- It begins with the exact words said by Christ on the cross!
- A keen sense of abandonment as there now for the first time a sense of separation and distance between the Father and Son! Christ was made to be sin.
- There is a continual crying out with answer – nor could there be one!.

*3 But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”*

- He knows that no matter what happens, God is holy.
- Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- Three times He says how the fathers of the faith trusted and were delivered.
- Feeling like a worm lately?
- The mockery which Christ experienced; His persecutors used these exact words.

*9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother’s womb You have been My God. 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. 13 They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion.*

- As David often does, he reminds God of his past faithfulness.

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- These words apply very specially to Jesus, who was uniquely in God’s care.
- The bulls of Bashan surround him – a reference to Satan and his fallen ones, enemies who are gaping at Him like a roaring lion.

*14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*

- A graphic description of crucifixion – which had not even been invented yet.
  - Dehydration
  - Dislocation of joints
  - His heart melting like wax under the weight of God’s wrath
- The cruel crowd scene with the dogs (Gentiles/Romans) and the assembly of the wicked (nation of Israel).
- It says they look and stare at His nakedness.
- Significantly, it says **they** pierced his hands and feet. It was both Jews and Gentiles, representing all of humanity, that put him to death.

*19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion’s mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.*

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- The Gentile nations were often represented as ravaging or ferocious animals.
- He will begin to now make pronouncements of faith as David does so many times.

*22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard. 25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.*

- He will praise God in the midst of the Church.
- There follows a call to the people of Israel to give glory to God.
- The Cross is not ultimately a sign of God’s disfavor or displeasure. The Messiah wasn’t forever cut off. Isaiah 53:10 says: *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he has put him [Christ] to grief...*

*26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the LORD’s, and He rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive. 30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.*

- The result: those who are meek will be satisfied!

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- ALL nations will now remember God.
- All individuals, small or great will worship Him. He will rule over all the nations.
- A seed or a people will serve the Lord: **the Church?**
- People would declare that God has done this – that He has accomplished all these things.
- The final verse... **“it is finished”** or **“it is accomplished!”**
- Jesus reciting this Psalm on the Cross was a clue to His identity, that He was fulfilling the Psalm, and that He was the One of which it speaks.

**Psalm 22 and the number 22**

The salvation of God is wrapped up in Christ Jesus; Jesus is what God wanted to communicate to us, everything from A to Z; He’s the Alpha and the Omega!

- The number 22 symbolizes a perfect work of God: the Hebrew alphabet, things in the creation account, Israel the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 22 bowls in the menorah that fed the 7 branches, 22 books in the Hebrew Bible.
- In Psalm 22, Jesus finishes the work of salvation. Jesus paid it all, and He covers it all for us. His death accomplished for us a perfect salvation!

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