

Series: Good Friday 2024 (part 1)

Text: Psalm 22:1-18

HI: God grace meets our sin on the cross of Christ.

Title: *Forsaken*

Hook: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani

Date: 3.29.24

Purpose: To spotlight the grace of the suffering Savior.

FCF: The original readers of this Psalm found voice for their suffering, not fully realizing that within it God answers human suffering through the grace of his Son.

COR: In the depths of suffering human beings tend to look outside themselves for help. Contained in this prayer we see the way God meets the sufferer through the sacrifice of his Son.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: Matthew 27:35ff; Jesus was forsaken on the cross so that we could be delivered from our sins.

Apologetic: v. 16: Roman crucifixion would not develop in the form it took when Christ was killed unYI nearly 800 years after David writes this. The vivid detail with which this Psalm speaks of an event that happened 1,000 years later speaks to the prophetic truth of it. God wrote this through David.

Text Tone: Convict

Preaching Voice: Prophetic

Form: Inductive

Call to Worship: N/A

Benediction: N/A

Outline:

I. He was met with silence from the God who saves. (1-5)

A. The holy God gave his perfect Son.

II. He was mocked and derided with none to help. (6-11)

A. Wicked men killed the sinless Savior.

III. He was afflicted and exposed to die in agony. (12-18)

Main Idea:

Subject: The suffering of one forsaken by God and scorned by man

Complement: endured total and complete agony

Exegetical Idea: The suffering of one forsaken by God and scorned by man endured total and complete agony.

Theological Idea: The suffering Savior hung on the cross between a holy God and wicked men.

Homiletical Idea: God grace meets our sin on the cross of Christ.**Introduction:**

Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." (Mark 15:34)

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

READ Psalm 22:1-5

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

I. He was met with silence from the God who saves. (1-5)

Isaiah 53:6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 4:15: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

READ Psalm 22:6-11

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

II. He was mocked and derided with none to help. (6-11)

READ Matthew 27:39, 41-44: And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads...So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, **42** “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” **44** And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

READ Psalm 22:12-18

Many bulls encompass me;
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
 like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
 it is melted within my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.
For dogs encompass me;
 a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

III. He was afflicted and exposed to die in agony. (12-18)

Galatians 3:13: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

(There are not many things that a holy God and wicked men agree upon. But the cross is one of them. This is where God—in his perfection and grace—and man—in their wickedness and shame—meet—only here—at the cross of Jesus Christ. And this is what the first part of Psalm 22 shows us...)

HI: The sinless Savior was forsaken for sinners.

“While Christ was suffering on the cross, God dealt with him in terms of us.”

Michael Barrett

2 Corinthians 5:21:

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1. The plea for salvation (vv. 19-21)

2. The provision of salvation (vv. 24, 26)

Isaiah 53:4-7 - 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

John 18:30 - “It is finished!”

3. The praise because of salvation (vv. 22-26)

Revelation 5:9 - And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation

4. The proclamation of salvation (vv. 27-31)