

— Psalm 22 —
The Psalms
The Dying King

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." 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.

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!"

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

► In this psalm David composed in poetic language a summary of his sufferings, but what was happening at a deeper level was that through David, the Holy Spirit was predicting the sufferings of _____ and his subsequent glories.

► Jesus is the embodiment of _____, and his suffering on the cross is associated with that office.

Deuteronomy 28:20 - "The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because **you have forsaken me.**"

Isaiah 49:14 - But Zion said, "**The LORD has forsaken me**, and my Lord has forgotten me."

Isaiah 62:4 - You shall no longer be termed **Forsaken**, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;

Deuteronomy 28:29 - "You shall **grope at noonday**, as the blind grope in **darkness**"

Mark 15:33-34 - And when the sixth hour had come (noon), **there was darkness over the whole land** until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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.

Matthew 27:39-43 - And those who passed by derided him, **wagging their heads** and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "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. **He trusts in God; let God deliver him now**, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

► Jesus is the True and Faithful _____. And He speaks to us here as a living witness of God's faithfulness.

► How could the Abrahamic blessings get out to the world, which were supposed to come through Israel, if Israel herself deserved only the curses? By placing all of those covenant curses on Jesus as Israel's perfect representative, exhausting them on Him - which Jesus _____ most faithfully - and then raising our Lord from the dead, vindicating Him and delivering Him from the curse, so that the covenant _____ would break through first to fall on Him because of His own personal righteousness, then to all those united to Him, and then out to the whole world.

Genesis 3:22 - Then the Lord God said, "**Behold, the man** has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.

John 19:5 - So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "**Behold the man!**"

► The same words God uses to signify the first Adam in His _____, Pilate unwittingly uses to describe the innocence of the last Adam, even as he stands there bearing the shame and guilt of the first _____ and all his posterity.

► The way we become fully alive, the way we become fully human, is through _____.

Matthew 10:38-39 - Whoever does not **take his cross and follow me** is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake **will find it**.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 - But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are

perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—**always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body**. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then **death is working in us, but life in you**.

John 12:24 - Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but **if it dies, it bears much fruit**.

APPLICATION

► We have been delivered from our slavery to the _____ of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 - Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and **release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage**.

► The cross has now become a _____ by which we conquer and take dominion.

Colossians 3:5-10 - **Put to death** therefore what is earthly **in you**: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

► You were a slave to sin in Adam and had no way of getting out from under that bondage. But you have been _____. You are no longer a slave.

Galatians 5:1 - It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us **free**.

- What can we say to these things?

-Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

"For who has known the mind of the LORD?

Or who has become His counselor?"

"Or who has first given to Him

And it shall be repaid to him?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)