

Suffering and Praise!  
Response Questions Psalm 22  
April 7, 2024

1. Read Psalm 22 and write down the various feelings David expresses.
  
2. Read 2 Samuel 15-18. List some events in the record of Absalom's betrayal that could cause the emotions described in Psalm 22.
  
3. Do you think it is possible to know you belong to God and still feel abandoned by Him? Why? (Or Why not?)
  
4. In verse 8 the mockers suggest that those who trust in the Lord should never feel abandoned by Him. Do you think that despair is a sign of lack of faith?
  
5. David cries out to God in verses 19-21. This begins a shift in his focus toward praising God. Yet there is no indication that his circumstances have changed. What may we learn from this?
  
6. Does this mean all you have to do is pray and everything will look better? If there is something more complex here, what is it?
  
7. What does verse 24 tell us about God's view of those who are "suffering and afflicted"?
  
8. How might this impact your treatment of those who are depressed or in despair?