

I. Desperate for Relief (17-19)

- A. An unavoidable acknowledgement (17) – “Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;”
- B. An inescapable circumstance (18) – “...they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.”
- C. An unexpected source of relief (19) – “Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.” **The very God whom they had rejected became their source of help/relief**

II. Desperate for Truth (20)

- A. God’s medicine – “He sent out His word...”
- B. God’s mercy – “...and healed them...”
- C. God’s might – “...and delivered them from their destruction.”

III. Desperate for Loyal Love (21)

- A. We value being loved by God – “Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love...”
- B. We note a distinction about God’s love – “...His steadfast love...”
- C. We expect God’s love to impact us – “...for His wondrous works to the children of man!”

IV. Desperate for Meaning (22)

- A. Something worthy of sacrifice – “And let them offer sacrifices...”
- B. Something for which to be grateful – “...sacrifices of thanksgiving...”
- C. Something worthy of testifying – “...and tell of His deeds...”
- D. Something worthy to celebrate – “...in songs of joy.”