

# **Highlights from the Psalms**

## **Psalm 22**

### **Upon thee Cross**

INTRO: There is some debate about the authorship of this Psalm due to the specificity of crucifixion and the lack of evidence that David ever experienced such horrible troubles. David was born about 1,000BC and lived about 70 years, of which 40 were spent reigning as the King of Israel, the United Kingdom, after Saul. Crucifixion was invented and first widely used as a means of execution by the Assyrians around 600BC. Hence critics claim that David could not have written with such specificity. But there is more here that is prophetic than just the means of execution . . . there are statements that refer only to Jesus.

#### **I. The Plaintive Cry: My God, why have You forsaken me?**

- A. While this is more likely a designation of this Psalm by Jesus explaining His crucifixion, it is more than that;
- B. This is also a cry of the separation of the Father from the Son as the sin bearer of all human sin
- C. Of all the suffering of the cross, it was the bearing of our sin and the separation from the Father that caused the most pain and grief for Jesus upon the cross

#### **II. Verses 3-5 Affirm The Trustworthiness of God in Times of Trouble**

- A. He is holy
- B. His history with Israel speaks for itself
- C. Those who trust are not disappointed

#### **III. The Specific Details of Jesus' Suffering on the Cross**

- A. He was despise by the people (Isaiah 53:3)
- B. The people sneered at Him, taunting Him (vv.7-9) (Matthew 47:41-44)
- C. You have been My God from the womb (Matthew 1:20)
- D. I am poured out like water, my bones are out of joint, my heart melts like wax  
Crucifixion causes severe dehydration, the bones show through, the joints are displaced
- E. They pierced My hands and My feet
- F. They divided My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing (Matthew 27:35)

#### **IV. The Hope and Expectation of Victory**

- A. I will tell of Your name to My brethren, I will praise You in the assembly
- B. Stand in awe of Him all you descendants of Israel
- C. When He cried for help He heard him (It is finished!)
- D. 27) All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You. (Psa 22:27 NAU)
- E. 28) For the kingdom is the LORD'S And He rules over the nations. (Psa 22:28 NAU)
- F. 29) All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive. Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed it. (Psa 22:29-31 NAU)