

Reflection Questions: Have I ever felt abandoned by God? How was I delivered from this feeling? How do I usually respond when trials come into my life? How should I respond to Jesus who suffered and died for me?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

This is kind of a gem among the Psalms, and is peculiarly excellent and remarkable. It contains those deep, sublime, and heavy sufferings of Christ, when agonizing in the midst of the terrors and pangs of divine wrath and death which surpass all human thought and comprehension.

Martin Luther

We can be fairly certain that Jesus was meditating on the Old Testament during the hours of His suffering and that He saw His crucifixion as a fulfillment of Psalm 22.

James Montgomery Boice

Approach this psalm with the utmost solemnity and reverence, because you have probably never stood on holier ground before. You have come to Golgotha where the Good Shepherd is giving His life for the sheep. For three hours the earth has been enveloped in thick darkness. Now "Immanuel's orphaned cry" echoes through the universe: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

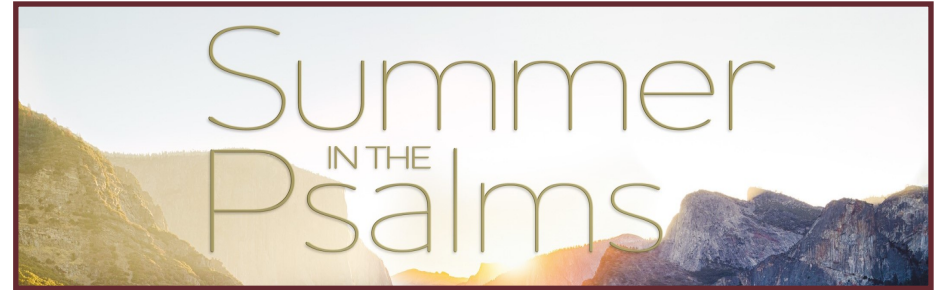
William MacDonald

It was necessary that He should feel the loss of His Father's smile, for the condemned in hell must have tasted of that bitterness; and therefore the Father closed the eye of His love, put the hand of justice before the smile of His face, and left His Son to cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Charles Spurgeon

In evil long I took delight unawed by shame or fear; Till a new object struck my sight and stopped my wild career. I saw One hanging on a tree in agonies and blood; who fixed His languid eyes on me as near His cross I stood. Sure, never to my latest breath can I forget that look. It seemed to charge me with His death though not a word He spoke. My conscience felt and owned the guilt. It plunged me in despair. I saw my sins His blood had split and helped to nail Him there. A second look He gave, which freely said 'I freely all forgive. This blood is for thy ransom paid. I died that thou midst live.' I do believe I now believe that Jesus died for me. And through His blood, His precious blood, I've been from sin set free.

John Newton



Psalm 22

*Sermon
Notes*

June 20, 2021

1. Agonized Prayer (1-21)

2. Ardent Praise (22-31)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Has God ever forsaken you? When? Why? Explain.

3. What alternating pattern do you see in the words of *Psalm 22*?

4. How can God be forsaken by God (*Psalm 22:1-2; Matthew 27:46*)?

5. Upon what does the psalmist hope for deliverance (*Psalm 22:3-5*)?

6. Three times in *Psalm 22:4-5* we read that others had *trusted*. Why is the
witness of the past relevant to the present suffering of the psalmist?

7. Read *Psalm 22:6*. What does Isaiah have to say about this in *Isaiah*
41:14; 49:7; 52:14; & 53:2-3?

8. What remarks in *Psalm 22:8* were also expressed at Jesus' crucifixion
(*Matthew 27:43*)?

9. What was the basis for David's faith in God's help (*Psalm 22:9-11*)?

10. What metaphors are used to describe the enemies of David in *Psalm*
22: 12-13? How were they fulfilled in Jesus?

11. How does David describe his suffering & prophetically, the suffering of
Jesus in *Psalm 22: 14-18*? What New Testament references confirm
this?

12. As David makes another cry for deliverance, how does he indicate that

God has heard and helped him (*Psalm 22: 19-21*)?

13. What does the psalmist do in response to God's deliverance (*Psalm*
22:22, 25)?

14. What does the author of *Hebrews 2:11-12* add to your understanding
of this psalm?

15. What does David call upon the people to do in *Psalm 22:23-24*? Why?

16. As the psalm comes to its end, what does David say will happen
(*Psalm 22:25-31*)? When will this happen?

17. Why is the psalmist confident that such things will occur (*Psalm*
22:28)?

18. How does the psalmist end this psalm? Why?

19. Is *Psalm 22* about David or about Jesus? Explain.

20. How does this psalm illustrate agonized prayer that turns into ardent
praise for the success of God's cause?

Why does suffering often precede glory?

What role does prayer play in the midst of problems in this fallen
world?

21. What does it appear that Jesus was thinking upon when He was upon
the cross? Why?