

Psalm 22 Heart Cry

Today is the final study in our Psalms series – God’s playlist for our lives.

A) Great way to end it - looking at Psalm 22 –

B) Psalm 22 was written by King David, - about 1,000 years before the birth of Christ.

C) What makes Psalm 22 fascinating is David writes about things He himself has Never experienced.

1) Having his hands and feet pierced / his garments divided and cast lots for

Psalm 22 is prophetic

A) Psalm 22 gives us a prophetic picture of the cross. He writes 600 years before Crucifixion was even invented by the Persians.... Romans

B) Thus – David was writing about something that he didn’t even understand

1) But under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, He gives us great insight into death by crucifixion.

C) But more than the physical torture of crucifixion – David gives us an insight into the emotional anguish that Jesus went thru on the cross.

D) Psalm 22 gives us a glimpse into what was going on in the mind and heart of Jesus as he hung there for 6 hrs purchasing our redemption

The first 21 verses are a prayer – a Heart Cry

A) Then V.22-31 are Praise – a Cry of Victory

B) What we see in the prayer is a Cry that is followed by a response

1) An understanding of what is happening

A Cry of Separation V.1-2

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?

Here David uses the exact words that Jesus cried from the cross –

A) He was feeling separation – abandoned

B) He is speaking here of the inward groaning that Jesus experienced –

1) there on the cross – The disorientation he is experiencing

C) The first time in history that He and the father who were one/ a perfect trinity –

1) father, son and Holy Spirit – 3 beings – one God

D) But on the Cross – Jesus is taking upon himself the sin of the world and Father looks away

The Son is in need – but the father doesn’t rescue

A) NOTE – THE USE OF MY GOD

B) Instead of father – this is the only time that Jesus referred to his father in this way.

C) Here as Jesus is experiencing the sin of the world being put upon him –

1) he is experiencing the separation – not father – but My God

Verse. 2 sounds like a reference to the garden of Gethsemane – and the days leading up to it –

A) John 12 – Father my soul is troubled

2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not silent.

B) Every now and then when I have been an idiot – my wife gives me the silent treatment -

1) Don’t talk to me – (NEEDS SPACE)

C) It usually doesn’t last very long – but I hate it – separation

D) But Denise and I are broken individuals – marred by sin –

1) always battling the sin nature – the new nature.

E) Our union is STRONG BUT FAR FROM PERFECT

Jesus relationship with his Father was a perfect union and oneness –

A) Not tainted at all by sin.

B) But we are told in 2 Cor 5:21 – Jesus became sin for us –

1) All of the sin of the world – past present and future – laid upon him

C)Every bad word, every evil, murder, rape, abuse – ALL OF IT

Jesus literally becomes what God hates – GOD HATES SIN - But he loves the sinner

A)And this is why the Cross is necessary- it is the only way that sinners can be redeemed – SAVED

B)One without sin – had to pay the price for all who have sinned.

C)His death would purchase our ransom

D)So in this moment – Jesus becomes what His father hates –

1)and the father turns away from his son. –

(Pause and let that sink in)

1ST Response in V.3-5 – My God is Holy

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.

Here we see that Jesus deals with his disorientation by reaffirming two things.

A)God's Character & God's Past History

B)This is really the key in any tough circumstance that we find ourselves in –

C)Falling back on these two things – God's Character

1)and God's past history in dealing with man – remove any disorientation –

D)When things suddenly change in our life – or a trial comes crashing in –

1)we fall back on God's Character – past History....

That is what Jesus does here –

A)My God you are Holy – Your character

B)So I understand why You must pull Yourself apart from Me, for at this moment I bear sin,"

C)Instead of questioning if the father pities him – the Son praises God for a proper reaction in holiness.

1) Jesus doesn't wonder about whether God is merciful.

D)He doesn't question why God would let this happen.

1) He affirms that it must be the proper reaction of His absolute holiness.- That he can't look upon sin

So He reaffirms the holy character of God.

A)And then He reaffirms the past history that God has never forsaken His people,

B)and He will not forsake His Son.

C)This my friends needs to be our experience when you come to a situation which seems to have no answers

1)when you are disoriented because there is no explanation for what is occurring,

D)before you fall to the sin of doubting God, reaffirm His Character -who He is

1)and His past History in your life in the lives of others including those in the pages of Scripture.

E)Result: God is holy righteous in all his ways – He always does what is right

1)He is always faithful to those who belong to him

2nd Cry – A Cry of Scorn V.6-8

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!"

Here we get more of a glimpse into the heart of Jesus – The Scorn he endured on the cross – Cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree

A)Once again – some of the verbiage used here is exactly what others said of Jesus as he hung on the cross

B)We will get to that in a minute – but I first want to consider this phrase **I am a worm.**

C)The word that Jesus uses here for worm is Tolath – **it was a special kind of worm found in the middle east**

1)In Isaiah 1:18 – Tolath is translated crimson

2)Exodus 25:4 – Tolath is translated Scarlet

D)This worm was actually used to make a Scarlet dye – for clothing

What is most fascinating about the Tolath worm is the way it births it's young.

A)The mother worm – would climb upon a tree branch – in the birth process the mother worm would actually die –

B)As the baby Tolath worms were born and in her death –

1)she would leave a Scarlet or Crimson blood stain on the tree branch

C)Is that not a fascinating picture of what Jesus was doing on the cross

1)His death on the cross – made a way for sinners to be born again- Sins forgiven, guilt removed.

D)IN the process the tree – the cross – was stained with his blood.

1)Powerful picture

But let's consider the Scorn further V.7-8

7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, This is a very vivid picture of mocking someone –

Shooting out the lip speaks of opening the mouth to shout and scream insults

Matthew 27:39 – The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery NLT

Verse 8 gives us a glimpse of what they were saying about him

8 “He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”

That is almost word for word at what was spoken by Jesus ON the cross as recorded in Matthew 27:43

A)If he really belonged to God wouldn't God rescue him?

B)Again – I remind you these words were penned by David over 1,000 years before Jesus was crucified.

C)Once again – we get to see the Response of Jesus to this Scorn

1)Another great example on how to face scorn

Response #2 My God knows me V.9-10

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

In this moment of agony Jesus goes back to the beginning of his earthly life – the incarnation.

A)He leaves heaven – comes to this earth – become a Human, a baby, 9 months in the womb – SO CRAZY

B)you made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. Here Jesus is making reference to the unique experience of learning to trust

1)Learning to become dependent on another as a human being

C)Jesus was fully God – yet fully man- He could do anything –

1)but he made himself as a man dependent upon his father

D)Jesus is revealing here – that dependent mindset started as a baby –

1)fully relying upon his mother's breast milk for his very sustenance

E)So - Jesus is fighting the scorn by falling back on the reality –

1)You have known me before I was even born. You have been my God

Same is true for us – Jeremiah 1:5 God knew us in the womb

A)DAVID Psalm 139:14 Fearfully and wonderfully made

B)He fashioned you – your body – your temperament – your personality Your unique DNA –

1)And he made you to live in relationship with him He made you to live Dependent upon him

C)**Next week – Red Letter** – series – You were made for a unique purpose - - How we discover that.

Consider his 3rd Cry –

A)The Cry of being surrounded by the enemy
V.11-18

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.

B)It is once again interesting that he uses the phrase strong bulls of Bashan

C)In the Canaanite culture they actually believed that the Bulls of Bashan were possessed by evil spirits – we would say Demons

On the Cross Jesus is revealing how he could sense the forces of darkness the devil and his demons surrounding him

A)This is also what is meant by the words in v. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

B)The congregation of the wicked – Satan and his minions feeling like they have pulled off the biggest upset in history

1)Killing of the Son of God

C)They are circling to jeer and mock – on one else can see it but Jesus – he sees it – and feels it –

1)THE DARKNESS IS THICK

D)I have been on some mission trips – literally feel the darkness – eerie

1)I can't even imagine this – All the forces of Hell – encircling him.

E)Now at this moment – lets Pause from the emotional aspect of this

Because David also writes vividly here of the physical aspects of Crucifixion –

A)long before it was invented

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.

B)Crucifixion was such a brutal way to die – Suffocation –

C) Stretching of the bones –

D)the weight of the body pulling the bones out of place – no longer push up

1)Zapped of all strength

David writes what Jesus was feeling as his physical strength was melting with in him

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, (discarded piece of pottery) and My tongue clings to My jaws; I thirst - dehydration You have brought Me to the dust of death.

Further details of the cross - V.16b They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. A)The skin is stretched – the ribs are visible They look and stare at Me. The crowd gazing in horror and mockery

B)Then to bring further disgrace 18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

C)This is exactly what happened to Jesus on the Cross – but written by David – over 1,000 yrs before the event – AMAZING

So picture this scene – Jesus naked & beaten beyond recognition Isaiah 53 –

A)He doesn't even look like a man

B)He looks defeated – He is being mocked – the forces of darkness are surrounding him –

C)Told in Mark 15 The Sky turns dark – Solar eclipse – the whole seen is horrific and eerie

RESPONSE #3 My God is my deliverer

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!

Pause – wait for it

You have answered Me.

In that moment – JESUS pierces the DARKNESS – with a victory Cry - IT IS FINISHED! –

A)SIN IS Paid for – Death is defeated – Satan and the demons are defeated –

B)MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:14-15

C) Jesus made a way for us to be redeemed from the bondage of Sin - His Victory! Cry -

1) Then it says - Jesus in that moment breathed his last

But that we know is not the end of the story

A) He died – taken from the cross – buried in the tomb – 3 days later – HE ROSE

B) He lives – he gives life to all who put their trust in him

C) I believe even that is portrayed in the Psalm – V.22-31 Moves from Prayer to Praise

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

D) What is that? I believe this is the language of the Resurrection –

1) Jesus appears to his disciples after he rose – proclaim the name of the father

E) To praise the father for THIS GREAT VICTORY

F) And the rest of the psalm continues to follow this pattern

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!

The Psalm looks to the 2nd coming – Jesus returns in ultimate Victory

**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.

At The first coming of Jesus – He came as a lamb – to give his life a ransom to redeem man – from sin and darkness – power of death

2nd Coming – He will come as the Lion of the tribe of Judah – to establish his Kingdom on earth

A) Those who are redeemed RETURN WITH HIM

B) IN the mean time he waits – desiring people to turn from their sin

1) Look to him for Salvation

Today is communion – the ultimate example of God's Character – Holy Righteous

A) Couldn't wink at sin - Not Just

B) So he sent Jesus to pay the price

1) Treated Jesus like us – so he could treat us like Jesus

C) He is faithful to save to the uttermost those who call out to him