

# Psalm 22:22-26 - The Song of the Cross: Jesus Sings

Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church – Sunday, March 17, 2024 AM

## Context:

- Psalms are songs and Psalm 22 is a song of lament
- The opening line of this psalm is quoted by Christ on the cross: “*My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?...*”
- The depth of connection between Christ and this song (psalm) goes deeper than the first line.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Psalm 22:1-11** – Forsaken:
  - **22:1** - My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?
  - **22:2** – I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent
  - **22:6** - I am a worm and not a man a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
  - **22:7-8** – They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, “He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver Him: Let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him.”
- March 10<sup>th</sup>: **Psalm 22:12-21** – Delivered Over.
  - **22:12** – Surrounded by bulls with mouths of lions (High Priest, Scribes, Sanhedrin)
  - **22:14** – I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint. **Unrecoverable**
  - **22:15** – Strength dried up, tongue cleaves to my jaws, brought to the dust of death.
  - **22:16** – Surrounded by dogs (Gentiles); they pierced His hands and feet.
  - **22:17** – Hung naked in shame and stared out
  - **22:18** – His clothing divided up by casting lots
  - **22:19-21a** – He begs for the Lord to be near (forsaken) and to deliver Him (delivered over)
  - **22:21b** - **The psalm takes a turn in verse 21 (heard from the horns of the bull).**

**Psalm 22:22-26** – Christ sings to the church

## This is Still About Jesus!

**Some might question whether this psalm continues to be about Christ.**

**Psalm 22:22** *I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.*

**Heb 2:11-12** *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

**The Hebrew writer quotes Psalm 22:22 in reference to Christ... this is Jesus speaking... even singing.**

## Jesus, Our Brother

**Psalm 22:22** *I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.*

**How is Jesus Christ my brother?**

**Hebrews 2 is explaining the connection (brotherhood) between Christ and believers.**

### 1. We are His brothers in the flesh.

**Hebrews 2:14** *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;...*

### 2. We are His brothers in relation to the Father.

**Hebrews 2:10** *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

### 3. We are His brothers in temptation.

**Heb 2:18** *For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (ESV)*

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### 4. We are His brothers who know the yoke of sin.

**Heb 2:9-10** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should **taste death for every man**. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings**.*

**He knows the ugly side of living under the curse of sin:**

- to be betrayed by those closest to you.
- to be forsaken & delivered over.
- To be treated less than human (a worm).
- To be surrounded by your enemies.
- To be despised and mocked and your faith ridiculed.
- To lose every possession to those who do not deserve it.
- To be broken beyond repair physically and mentally (poured out like water).
- To feel the full shame of sin.
- To cry out for relief.
- To be brought to the dust of death.

**But this portion of the psalm is not about the horrors of the cross.**

### Jesus Sings

**Psalm 22:22** *I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the congregation will I **praise** thee.*

**Psalm 22:25** *My **praise** shall be of thee in the great congregation:*

Praise – Hb: Hallel... Hallelujah

**The writer of Hebrews translated the meaning as to “praise by song” (Gr: *hymneo*).**

**Heb 2:12** *Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I **sing praise** unto thee.*

### Why Does He Sing?

**Psalm 22:24** *For he (the Father) hath **not despised** nor **abhorred the affliction** of the afflicted; Neither hath he **hid his face** from him; But when he cried unto him, he heard.*

- Despised – regard with contempt or hatred
- Abhorred – to find to be vile, disgusting
- Affliction – to be in a miserable state
- Hid His Face – to turn away and abandon

**Once the Father’s wrath was satisfied, It was Finished! Lk 23:43** *...To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

**Psalm 16:10** *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

**On the third day, He rose victorious over all sin and death.**

### What Does He Sing?

**Psalm 22:22** *I will declare **thy name** unto my brethren: In the midst of the congregation will I **praise thee**.*

**He praises the Father and declares that He is good and worthy of absolute trust.**

**The One who bore the sin of the whole world declares that there is merciful salvation in the Father.**

### Why Sing?

**It was not just for relief, but because of the reward.**

**Hebrews 12:2** *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who **for the joy that was set** before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Song has a way of conveying more than fact, but also feeling.**

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Congregation – assembly → *ekklesia* (NT) → church

- To the OT reader, this would be a gathering of Israel at the temple surrounding public worship.
- To the NT reader (like in Hebrews), this is a gathering of God's people.

**The ultimate fulfillment of this passage will be the gathering in the heavenly “great assembly” with Jesus.**

**The present application is the gathering of God's people in the NT church, the earthly embassy of Heaven.**

- He sings before His brothers. **He was made like us in all respects, yet without sin.**

**He gathers the family that He loves and redeemed and rejoices in their midst. His reward is His people.**

## Jesus Keeps His Vows

**Psalm 22:25-26** *My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. <sup>26</sup>The meek shall eat and be satisfied: They shall praise the LORD that seek him: Your heart shall live for ever.*

**Christ not only commits to praise, but also to pay His vows. Why make vows?**

**They were made as a commitment of sacrifice and obedience for deliverance.**

- They will be paid “before them that fear Him”: to believers
- The result of the vows is that:
  - The meek (afflicted – **v24**) will eat and be satisfied.
  - The meek (afflicted) that seek the Lord will praise Him.
  - The meek (afflicted) will find enduring encouragement. “...Your heart shall live for ever.”

## What vows has Christ made?

1. **John 6:35** – *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. He promises salvation to all that seek.*
2. **Heb 13:5** *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (ESV) He promises presence.*
3. **Matt 6:33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
4. **John 14:3** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

**Just as Christ's suffering was not for Himself alone, neither was His comfort.**

**2 Cor 1:5** *For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.*

**The result of Christ's song and payment of vows is PRAISE (singing) in the congregation.**

## You Sing!

**Psalm 22:23** *Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; And fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.*

**His song is intended to ignite your song (praise).**

- You (Christian) have One who understands your suffering.
- You (Christian) have One who shapes your suffering with purpose.
- You (Christian) have One who will never forsake you in your suffering.
- You (Christian) have One who has heard you in your cries of desperation and has answered.
- You (Christian) have One who has promised to wipe away every tear and restore all that is broken.

**Your song (praise) needs to be shared in the congregation.**

**2Cor 1:3-5** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. (ESV) **Your comfort isn't just for you. Use it to bring relief and joy to the family.***