

# Psalm 22:22-26 - The Song of the Cross: Sing to the World

Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church – Sunday, March 24, 2024 AM

## Context:

- Psalms are songs and Psalm 22 is a song of lament. **It is a psalm of David.**
- The opening line of this psalm is quoted by Christ on the cross: *“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?...”*  
**The connection between Christ and this song (psalm) goes deeper than the first line.**
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Psalm 22:1-11 – Forsaken**
  - **22:1-2** - *My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?... I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.* **He faced the silence of God from the Garden to the tomb.**
  - **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.”* **His enduring faith in His Father was mocked.**
- 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).**
- March 17<sup>th</sup>: **Psalm 22:22-26 – Jesus Sings**
  - **22:22** – This is still about Jesus (quoted in **Heb 2:12** – *“Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.”*  
**He is our brother in the flesh, in relation to Father, in temptation, and under the yoke of sin.**  
**He sings praise to His Father because of relief, but also because of the reward (His people).**
  - **22:25-26** – He commits to keep His vows so that the afflicted will: 1) eat & be satisfied; 2) those who seek will praise Him; and 3) find enduring encouragement. *“...Your heart shall live for ever.”*
  - **22:23** – His song is intended to ignite your song of praise in the congregation.

**Psalm 22:27-31** – The message about what “He hath done” spreads.

## Is this still about Jesus?

- This psalm began with *“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me...”* and ends with *“They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.”* **What else could it be?**  
**Nothing in David’s life fits this bill. He is serving as a prophet of his son in the flesh and heir of his eternal throne.**

## What is this last portion of the psalm about?

**22:31** *“They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.”*

- **What has He done?** He tasted death for every man and satisfied the righteous wrath of God.
- The prior portion (**22:22-26**) was about a song amid the congregation (Israel in OT / Church in NT)
- This is about the impact of what “He hath done”:
  - **Across Geography (22:27)**  
Kindreds – Families  
**This is going to every nation, tribe, and tongue.**
  - **Across Grade (22:29)** the wealthy and those who are in poverty and severe want  
**Psalm 22:29** *All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.* (ESV)  
**Both the rich and the poorest of the poor are worshipping together because of what “He hath done.”**

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## ○ Across Generations (22:30-31)

A seed – descendent, posterity... a reference to coming generations.

**Psalm 22:30-31** *Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. (ESV)*

We see that what “He hath done” is something passed along to future generations.

Do you see the connection with Malachi (Geography & Generations)? His plan has never changed.

## The Relevance of the Cross

**Psalm 22:27** *“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.”*

Remember – to call to mind, to pull something back into your consciousness that is in your past.

How can the ends of the world remember?

**Rom 3:1-2** *What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. **God’s truth had been committed to the Jews.***

You must go back a bit farther though.

**Rom 1:18-22** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (suppress) the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

- There is evidence of God around us that is suppressed by human hearts.
- All our history goes back to the Garden through the Flood.

**Illus:** There are hundreds of flood narratives from cultures spread across the world that share similar themes.

- We are all made in the image of God and carry souls made for relationship with Him.

**The story from Genesis to Revelation isn’t Paradise Lost to Regained, but Relationship Lost to Regained.**

- The thing that “He hath done”... the suffering on the cross and resurrection... the gospel... was for the whole world!

**The gospel message makes sense of it all and unlocks the human heart to its Creator-made purpose.**

**This knowledge should fill us with confidence every time we proclaim the gospel.**

**Illus:** This is how Paul preached just as boldly on Mars Hill, finding an altar to an unknown god and preaching Jesus.

**He caught that remnant of knowledge that there was something they missed and seized on it.**

## The Advance of the Kingdom

**Psalm 22:28** *“For the kingdom is the LORD’s: And he is the governor among the nations.”*

**Today is Palm Sunday, remembering the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey.**

**John 12:13** [They] *Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Hosanna – a transliteration of the Hebrew word for “Save us”!

- This was the beginning of the week in which He would die and rise again.
- Their cry for salvation was shaped by their understanding of their need. **God truly knows our need.**

**He did come to save us and came to do it as a king, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

- Each faithful local church is an embassy of His heavenly kingdom.
- Every time we proclaim His Word, we go to war for His kingdom.
- Every time a soul is saved, the kingdom grows as they are translated from the domain of darkness...

**This kingdom made tremendous gains as it cuts across this world. Though assailed by Satan, its mark is evident.**

**Illus:** Avalanche on the Old Glenn Highway

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## Where Am I in this Passage?

**We have demonstrated this passage is all about Jesus. How does it intersect my life?**

1. I am in the suffering of the Savior. (22:1-21a)
2. I am in the great congregation joining with Christ in song (22:22-26)
3. I am among the geography (families of the nations), grades (the span of rich to poor), and generations that has come to worship. (22:27-31)
  - How many of you consider yourself Christian?
  - How many of you were raised in a Christian home?
  - How many of you can look back generations and see Christians?
  - How many of you can look back generations and see non-Christians (of any type)?
  - Are any of you here of strong Jewish descent?
  - What did your people worship before they worshipped God?
    - Germanic – Odin, Tyr, Thor
    - Irish/Celtic/French/English – Druidism (nature-based religion) – witchcraft is the surviving remnant
    - Italian (Roman) – Jupiter, Juno, Neptune
    - Grecian – Zeus, Apollo, Artemis

**You may be removed from this by many generations, but it is your history.**

**Somewhere along the line, the message of the Cross reshaped your heritage.**
4. I am called to declare His righteousness unto another geography, across all grades, to another generation. (22:31)

**The message of the Cross was, is, and will be the most important & powerful message anyone can hear.**

**We who know its power are called, are commanded to declare it.**