

Winter Bible Study ~ January 2022
PSALMS: The Character of GOD
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- **Psalms 22 – The Death of GOD’S SON** – *Deserted...* Crucifixion

Question? Where is **GOD** in all of this? **GOD is SOVEREIGN** and **PROVIDENTIAL**, isn’t **HE**?

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GOD’S Character is known *by Providence*, is two Latin words, “*video*,” meaning to see and “*pro*,” meaning before...

Providence is **GOD’S ability to see beforehand...** **GOD knows (OMINSCIENCIENT)** and is able to see all that is going to happen and beforehand has determined how it will be used for **HIS purpose** and **Glory**.

(Romans 8: 28, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love **GOD**, to them who are the called according to **HIS** purpose.”)

Psalms 22 affirms GOD’S Providence—GOD’S Divine purpose of Redemption revealed...

(Isaiah 53: 5-6, “But **HE** was wounded for our transgressions, **HE** was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon **HIM**; and with **HIS** stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **The LORD** hath laid on **HIM** the iniquity of us all.”)

Psalms 22 begins with the *cruelty* of **The Cross**, but does not end in tragedy, but **Great Praise for CHRIST** and us (every believer *in The SON of GOD*)

Do you see The Character of GOD in Psalms 22?

--Vs. 1-3, *Perplexity*, Separation, Substitution, Suffering, Steadfastness, Support.

--Vss. 4-6, *Precedence* (priority in importance), Persuasion, Promise, Provocation (actions or speech that makes one annoyed, angry—shoot at one’s reputation and reproach: such as, despised, derision-laugh at; display-mocked, discredited.

--Vss. 9, 10, *Preservation*, the action of preserving something or someone.

--Vss. 11, 19-21, *Pleading*—request for society—“Be not far from me”; **CHRIST** want **The Presence of GOD HIS FATHER**. **HE** wants **The Presence of GOD with HIM**, this should be mankind’s desire. *Request for Support*—no help is coming from man, even HIS disciples Matthew 26: 56. *Request for Safety*, v. 20... “the sword not only injures but kills... the authority of an corrupt Roman Government. *Request for Saving*, v. 21. “Save me from the lions mouth: evil people, Satan, instigators, etc.

--Vss. 12-18, *The Pain and Torture of The Cross*... *Savagery* (vss. 12, 13, 16), the trial, people, like possessed beast. *The Strength lessness on The Cross* (vss. 14, 15), **CHRIST** had to keep **HIMSELF** alive to finish **HIS** work. Skinniness (v. 17) **HE** could see **HIS** bones, justifying the overweight of evil of sinful man. *Staring* (v. 17) “...they sit down and watched **HIM** there.”

Scars (v. 16), "...they pierced **MY** hands and feet." *Scavengers* (v. 18), "they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

The Praise for CHRIST – Psalms 22: 22-31 [After the Passion comes Praise]

- Commitment* for the Praise (v. 22) Be committed to Praising **The LORD**.
- Call* to Give Praise (v. 23) this is Universal—that is **GOD'S** people.
- Cause* for the Praise (vs. 24). One reason, **HE** heard my cry. Thanksgiving.
- Congregation* for the Praise (vss. 22, 25). Praising **GOD** before **GOD'S** people encourages **GOD'S** people to live for/with **GOD**!
- The *Compensation* in the Praise (v. 26). Those who Praise and Honor **The LORD** have better prospects (better brighter future) than those who do not praise and honor **The LORD**.
- The *Conversion* from the Praise (v. 27). Others [Gentiles] will be saved and will come and worship **The LORD**.
- The *Crown* for the Praise (v. 28). Revelation 19: 16
- The *Crowd* in the Praise (v. 29). All the earth (rich and poor) will praise **The KING**, but it will not be something they can brag about for no conversion is a result of one's own works.
- The *Continuation* of the Praise (vss. 30-31) This text is about the continuation of our spreading **The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST!**