

The Cost of Suffering - Psalm 22

I. David's Song of Suffering and Praise

A. The deep agony of struggle, v. 1-2

B. The recitation of truth as comfort, v. 3-5

C. The declaration of a pitiful condition, v. 6-8

II. A Plea from a Position of Peril, v. 9-11

A. Acknowledgment that God formed him, v. 9-10

B. The cry for help, v. 11

III. Jesus is the Suffering Messiah, v. 16-24

A. Jesus took the place of sinners, v. 16-21

B. Salvation is available to those who fear God, v. 22-24

- How are these words and descriptions relatable to you?
- What parallels from Psalm 22 and the death of Jesus are most compelling? Why?

Psalm 22:22-31 responds to the first half of the Psalm.

- What is the initial response of v. 22-23?
- What is Jesus' response to the abusers in v. 24?
- Who is the one making the "vows" of v. 25? What does it mean?
- Who will recognize the work of the Suffering Messiah? (v. 27-29)
- What is the meaning of the word "posterity" in verse 30?
- The final result is verse 31. What is it? Why is it so significant?

Next week: 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1