



Christ Suffered

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TODAY'S READING: Psalm 22

This Psalm shows us what it looks like when a believer feels like God has abandoned them. In fact, theologian and pastor John Calvin once said of Psalm 22, *"There is not one of the godly who does not daily experience in himself the same thing. According to the judgment of the flesh, he thinks he is cast off and forsaken by God, while yet he apprehends by faith the grace of God, which is hidden from the eye of sense and reason."* David was not only suffering, he was also prophetically pointing us to Christ. Jesus was quoting Psalm 22:1 when he was dying on the cross! "My god my God, why have you forsaken me?" Here are a few more:

1. Psalm 22:8 happens in Matthew 27:43. *"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"*
2. Psalm 22:7 happens in Matthew 27:39. *"All who see me mock me, they make mouths at me; they wag their heads."*
3. We know that Psalm 22:16 happens when Jesus is nailed to the cross by his hands and feet. We also know none of his bones were broken!
4. Psalm 22:18 happens in Matthew 27:35. *"They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."*

I want to show you one other verse in Psalm 22 that sticks out to me. With Autumn being pregnant, this verse was screaming at me when I read this passage. Psalm 22:30-31 says, *"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."* These verses get overlooked when we talk about abortion. We know abortion is wrong because people are created in the image of God and because God commands us not to murder. This verse teaches that abortion is wrong ultimately because it robs people of the chance to worship God. Christ suffered for us on the cross so that we can have life, and in life we can glorify and worship God.

PRAYER: Father, thank You that You are faithful and true. Thank You for always being with me. I praise You today because Your Word promised Christ would suffer and it came to pass. Thank You for never breaking Your covenant with me even though I fail You every day. Help me to praise You like David even when my sin makes me feel like You have abandoned me.

TOMORROW'S READING: Psalm 104

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