

Take away the cross of Christ, and the Bible is a dark book. (JC Ryle)

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;  
 O sacred head, what glory! What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine. (Bernard of Clairvaux, 11th c)

### *Background to Psalm 22*

**Author:** David

**King of Psalm:** A "Psalm" (Hebrew: *plucking on stringed instrument*)

**Genre:** A Messianic psalm. All of Ps 22 points to Christ.

Why is Ps 22 *ONLY* pointing to Christ (and not David's life situation)?

1. there are no events in David's life that correspond to this event
2. this psalm has phrases that could only be used of someone going thru crucifixion
3. this psalm contains no mention of the psalmist's sin, confession of sin, or even regret for the pains that he suffered.
4. there is no call to God for vindication of wrongs suffered

*Daniel Akin: the New Testament references Psalm 22 no less than 24x. Psalm 22 is not a sick man's psalm or someone who is weary or facing near death. Rather, Psalm 22 speaks of a man enduring execution thru crucifixion, language so graphic and brutal that pictures of such would rightly disturb us.*

## **I. YOUR MESSIAH'S REJECTION (1-25)**

*The real rejection & undiminished anguish:*

*Spiritual (1-5) // Emotional (6-10) // Physical (11ff)*

- A. **reproached** (6, 7, 8 [Mt 27.43])
- B. **alone** (11)
- C. **beaten** (14)
- D. **parched** (15)

**Psalm 22 — The Prophecy of Messiah's Crucifixion and Kingdom"**E. **pierced** (16)F. **naked, humiliated, clothing divided** (v.18)*Those who understand the cross...*

1. are **humbled** by the Savior's love.
2. are **thankful** for divine propitiation.
3. are **forgiven** an incalculable and unplayable debt
4. are **grieved** at the unbeliever's insults/mockings.
5. are **eager** to speak of Christ to others.

**II. YOUR MESSIAH'S REIGN (26-31)**

Just as the first coming was fulfilled in stunning, literal detail — so also will the second coming & its events be fulfilled in stunning, literal, precise detail!

Phrases of praise, worship and global honor. Note many of the parallels that teach the future reign of Christ:

**Psalm 22...**

- v.27 - all the earth (cf. Isa 52:8-10- future!)
- v.27- turn to the Lord —will turn, repent, be saved!
- v.27b- all families will worship the Lord - cf. Gen 12.3 - all families will be blessed thru Abraham & will come & worship (Isa 19.23; Isa 66)!
- v.28a- Lord's kingdom [Zech 14:9-11; cf. Isaiah 9:7 and Revelation 11:15]
- v.28b- rules over the nations - cf. Rev 12.5 - Christ will rule the nations w the rod of iron! Ps 2 - when God appoints Him as King in earthly Zion over the world!
- v.29a- all will bow before Him; Zech 14.16 - all nations will come up to Jerusalem

**A fitting application for all (v.23):**

1. Praise the LORD!
2. Glorify Him!
3. Stand in Awe!

**Psalm 22 — The Prophecy of Messiah's Crucifixion and Kingdom"****ALAS & DID MY SAVIOR BLEED**

Alas! and did my Savior bleed  
 And did my Sovereign die?  
 Would He devote that sacred head  
 For such a worm as I?

Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine,  
 And bathed in its own blood,  
 While all exposed to wrath divine,  
 The glorious Sufferer stood!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
 He groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity! grace unknown!

And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
 And shut his glories in,  
 When Christ, the mighty Maker died,  
 For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
 While His dear cross appears,  
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
 And melt my eyes to tears.

**AH, HOLY JESUS**

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
 that mortal judgement has on you descended?  
 By foes derided, by Your own rejected,  
 O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?  
 It was my treason, Lord, that has undone You!  
 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;  
 I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,  
 Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation;  
 Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion,  
 for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,  
 I do adore You, and will ever pray You,  
 think on Your pity and Your love unswerving,  
 not my deserving.

**PSALM 22: The Psalter**

*Tune: How sweet and awful is the place*

My God, my God, O why have You forsaken me, and why  
 are You so far from saving me, while groaning words I cry?

But as for me, I am a worm; a man not recognized;  
 I am reproached by men, and by the people am despised.

All those who see me laugh in scorn; hurl insults all the day;  
 They wag and shake their heads at me; and mocking me,  
 they speak.

For dogs have compassed me about, and wicked men did  
 meet;

A band of men encircled me; they pierced my hands and feet.

I will declare Your name unto my brethren everywhere;  
 Amidst the congregation round, Your praise I will declare.

And all the ends of earth shall turn, remembering the Lord;  
 All families of the nations will bow down and praise accord.

For they shall come, and shall declare His truth and  
 righteousness  
 unto a people yet unborn, for He has done all this!

## Heidelberg Catechism

Q37. What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

**A37. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of men. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.**

Q40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

**A40. Because of the justice and truth of God satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.**

Q44. Why have the early creeds added: “He descended into hell”?

**A44. In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which he endured throughout all his sufferings but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

### THE CFBC PHILOSOPHY OF GLOBAL MISSIONS

The Philosophy of Global Missions involves the following facets.

- I. Global Missions Must Center on the *Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ*.**
- II. Global Missions Must Be Primarily Incorporated through a *Local Body of Believers*.**
- III. Global Missions Must Be *Long-Term Oriented and Strive to Raise & Train Indigenous Peoples to Preach, Teach, and Pass on the Gospel to Others*.**
- IV. Global Missions Must Comprise a *Core Element in the Body of Christ and Not a Peripheral Ministry where No One in the Church Knows the Missionaries*.**
- V. Global Missions Should Have at Its Core the *Training, Equipping, Delegating, and Passing on of the Preaching of the Word of God to Faithful Men Who Can Take the Gospel to Their Village, City, and Culture and Do Ministry There*.**
- VI. Global Missions Should Excite the *Hearts of Church Members Who Have the Privilege to Serve and Support Financially and Spiritually in the Spread of God’s Glory around the Globe*.**

### Prayer for The Advance of the Gospel Around the World:

1. *The Praise of Christ [his atonement]*
2. *The Propagation of the Gospel [his advancement]*

The history of missions is the history  
of answered prayer.  
— Samuel Zwemer