

**Psalms: The Songs of the People of God**  
**A Psalm of Praise for God's Deliverance**

Psalm 22:22-31

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

**Introduction**

As we come to Easter Sunday we are picking up where we left off last week in Psalm 22. The first half of Psalm 22 is focused on the sufferings of Jesus on the cross. As we began the Passion Week it was helpful for us to consider the cross and the suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf.

But while the first half of Psalm 22 is about suffering, the second half is about how we should respond once deliverance has come. Specifically, how should we respond to the deliverance of Jesus from suffering (His resurrection) and what does the future look like because He was delivered from His suffering?

**Note:** For more on why Psalm 22 can be understood as a Psalm of Jesus and not only a Psalm of David refer to the message from March 25 on Psalm 22:1-21.

**God Has Delivered Jesus from Death: He Should Be Praised Among the People of God (22:22-26)**

- A Declaration of Praise from the One Who has Been Delivered (22:22, 25)
  - As we come to verse 22 it is important to recognize that it is quoted in Hebrews 2:12 and attributed to Jesus. Jesus says that He will sing the praises of God in the midst of the congregation.
  - It was common in this time period for those who had experienced deliverance from great suffering to call everyone together for a time of praise and thanksgiving to God. This is the picture that is being given: Since Jesus has been delivered He brings everyone together so He can praise God publically.
- A Call For The People of God to Praise Him (22:23)
  - Jesus has declared the praises of God and now He calls on the people of God to join in: God has delivered me – praise Him! This should be our response to the resurrection, praise and awe.
- The Reason For Praise - The Deliverance of Jesus (22:24)
  - While the first half of the Psalm had prayers asking God to be close and not abandon Him, now we see that God was there all along. This is the reason for praise – that God did not abandon His Son.

- The Result of Jesus's Deliverance – The Deliverance of Others (22:26)
  - Verse 26 is a clear reference to the Gospel. Because Jesus was delivered from death, the afflicted can eat and be satisfied and live forever (We are the afflicted) (John 6:35, 40).

**Application:**

- As the people of God we should be consumed with praise to God for His deliverance of Jesus from the grave. Easter Sunday is not enough, He deserves our daily praise – He deserves our lives.
- As the people of God we should never cease to praise God for our own deliverance. Because of Jesus we can eat and be satisfied and live forever – Praise God!

**God Has Delivered Jesus from Death: He Will Be Praised in All Places and All Times (22:27-31)**

While the first part of this passage is calling for the praise of God now among His people, the second half is looking forward. There will be a day when He will be praised by every person of every tongue, nation and time.

- He Will Be Praised in All the Earth (He will reign over all) (22:27-28)
  - In His first coming Jesus was mocked and rejected and ultimately killed, but that will never be the case again. God has given Him all things and one day He will establish His visible rule over all the earth and every knee will bow (Philippians 2:8-10)
- He Will Be Praised in Every Generation (22:29-31)
  - Not only will God be praised in every place, He will be praise in every generation. All people from all times will see Him as Lord.

**Application:**

- We have been called to tell the world about Jesus so they can believe and also so they can join in worshipping Him. Our goal should be to gather many worshippers for God so that we can more fully praise Him. And this starts in our own home – one generation to another.

**God Has Delivered Jesus from Death: Salvation is Purchased – It is Finished (22:31b)**

- The final phrase of the Psalm is very similar to the final words of Jesus on the cross: He has done it – It is finished.

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