

SERMON NOTES
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In a “No Escape” Place Psalm 22:1-31

No escape places – pray without answers or relief
Feel abandoned by God
Ask “Why?”

- David sees Christ suffering (v. 6)
1 Corinthians 10:13 ...but with the temptation (God) will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

- David (strengthened) asks again (v. 19)
Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- David anticipates future victory (v. 22)
 - * Brothers
 - * Great assembly
 - * Ends of earth
 - * Afflicted

“Descendants of Jacob” (v. 23)

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

Psalm 22:1-5

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer;

And by night, but I have no rest.

³ Yet You are holy,

O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ In You our fathers trusted;

They trusted and You delivered them.

⁵ To You they cried out and were delivered;

In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of men and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, *saying*, ⁸ "Commit *yourself* to the LORD; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, because He delights in him." ⁹ Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust *when* upon my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother's womb. ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls have surrounded me; strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me. ¹³ They open wide their mouth at me, as a ravening and a roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance. ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my only *life* from the power of the dog. ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild oxen You answer me. ²² I will tell of Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel. ²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from him; but when he cried to Him for help, He heard. ²⁵ From You *comes* my praise in the great assembly; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. ²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD'S and He rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, all those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve Him; it will be told of the Lord to the *coming* generation. ³¹ They will come and will declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has performed *it*.