

Treasure Hunt

- What are the three sections of Psalm 22, and how are they marked off?
- How many parallels can you trace between this Psalm and the crucifixion?
- How are vv. 1-11 organized?
- How does the theme of Psalms 15-24 emphasize David's pain at feeling abandoned by God?
- What does it mean for God to "inhabit the praises of Israel" (v. 3)?
- What in vv. 1-11 encourages us to pray even when we feel abandoned?
- How do vv. 22-31 outline the mission of the church?
- What is significant about the concentration of "praise" (Hebrew *halal*) in vv. 22-25?

Chiasm in Psalms 15-24

Qualifications to dwell with God	15	24 (+ the King)	
Confidence	16 thou wilt show me the path of life	23 The Lord is my Shepherd	
Laments	17	22	
Thanksgiving	18 request + answer	20 (request) + 21 (answer)	
God's revelation	19 (cf. Psalms 15 and 24)		

Psalm 22

Structure of Psalm 22

1-11: Abandoned by God

1-2 My God ... far ... from me

1-2, Present distress

3-5, "but thou": Past deliverance

6-8, "but I": Present distress

9-10, "but thou": Past deliverance

10-11 My God ... far from me

12-21: Abused by Enemies

12-18, Description: Bulls, Lions, Dogs

19-21, Request: Dog, Lions, Wild Oxen

21 thou hast heard me!

22-31: Announcing the Lord's Deliverance

22-24, to Israel

25-26, to a Great Congregation

27-31, to all nations

Illuminating References

v.1: Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

v.3: Exo 15:2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and **I will prepare him an habitation;** my father's God, and **I will exalt him.**

v.15: Joh 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**

v.16: Luk 24:39 **Behold my hands and my feet**, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40 And when he had thus spoken, **he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.**

v.18: Mat 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, **They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

Psa 22:8 He trusted ελπιζω on the LORD	Mat 27:43 He trusted πειθω in God;
<i>that he would deliver ρουμαι him:</i> let him deliver him,	let him deliver ρουμαι him now,
seeing he delighted θελω in him.	if he will have θελω him:
	for he said, I am the Son of God.

Alternation in 22:22-30

22 I will declare **thy** name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise **thee**.

23 **Ye** that fear the LORD, praise **him**; all **ye** the seed of Jacob, glorify **him**; and fear **him**, all **ye** the seed of Israel.

24 **For he** hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath **he** hid **his** face from him; but when he cried unto **him**, **he** heard.

25 My praise *shall be* of **thee** in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows before them that fear **him**. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek **him**: **your** heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before **thee**.

28 **For** the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and **he** *is* the governor among the nations.

29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before **him**: and none can keep alive his own soul. 30 A seed shall serve **him**; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. 31 They shall come, and shall declare **his** righteousness unto a people that shall be born,

~~that~~ **for he** hath done *this*.

Act 1:8 ye shall be witnesses unto me

both in Jerusalem,

and in all Judaea, and in Samaria,

and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

More References

v.22: Mat 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell **my brethren** that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. [cf. John 20:17]

v.25: Isa 25:6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

v.28: Phi 2:8 he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name:

v.31: Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:**