

# Memory Verse

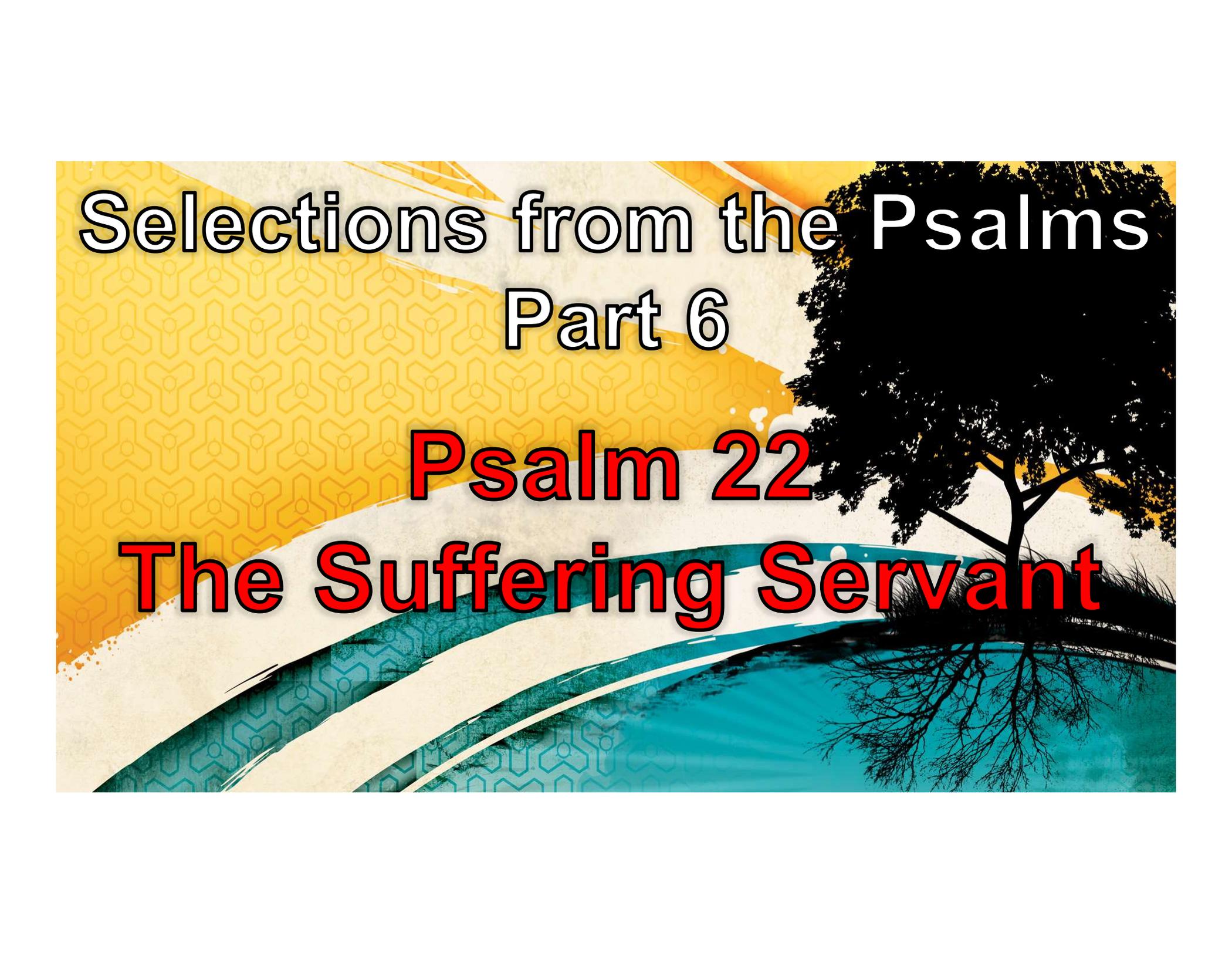
**Psalm 22:19**

**But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help,  
come quickly to my aid!**

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**Selections from the Psalms**  
**Part 6**

**Psalm 22**  
**The Suffering Servant**

## **Psalm 22:1-8**

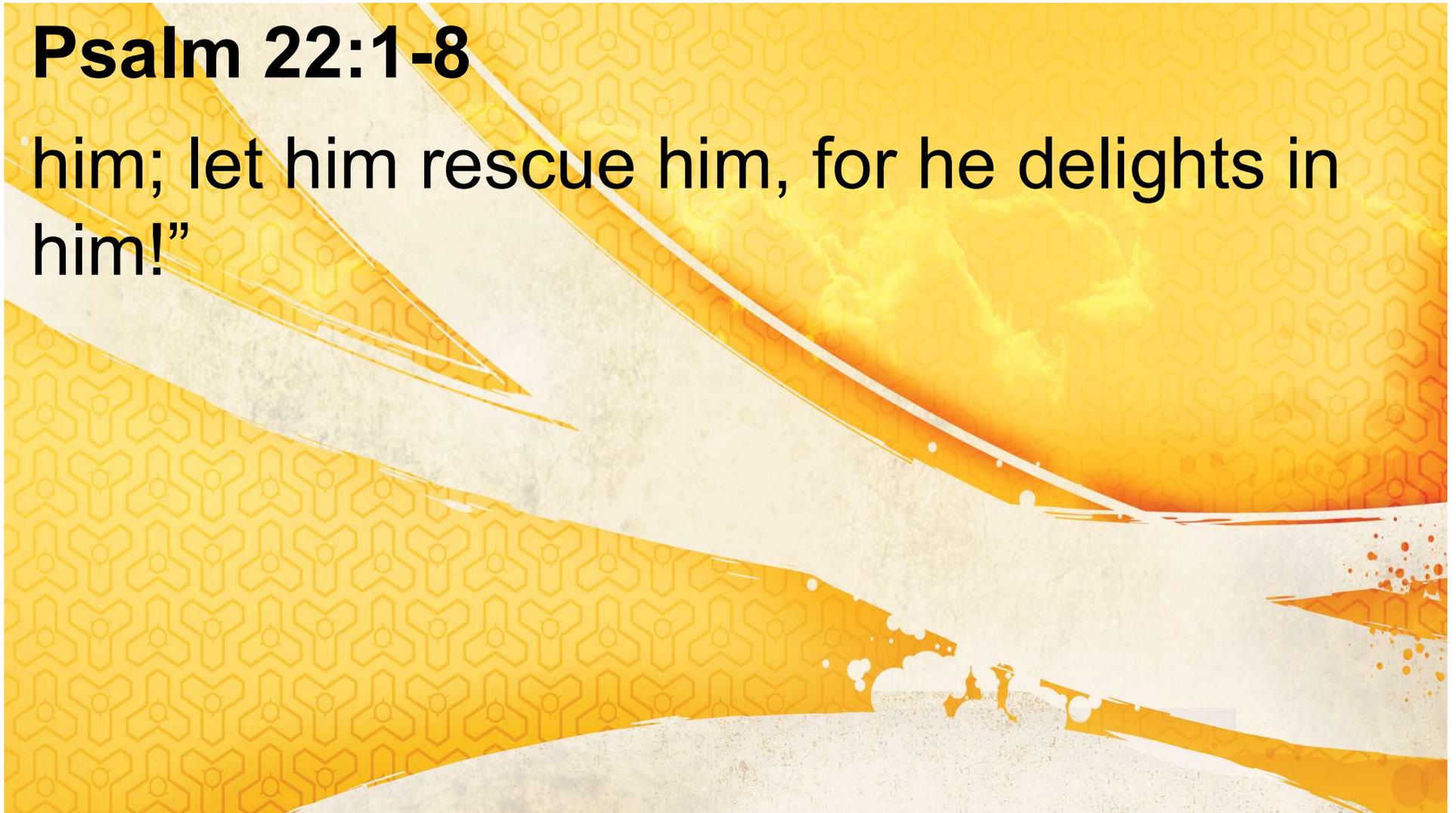
*To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you

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our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver

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him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”



## **A. Matthew 27**

Jesus completed His ministry, was betrayed by Judas, and went through 6 trials. Pontius Pilate tried Him before the *religious leaders*, who demanded Jesus be crucified. *Matthew 27*, and the other Gospels give the account of the **crucifixion**. Jesus is on the cross at this time.

## **A. Matthew 27**

He is a Tri-une Being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Everything Jesus did was in obedience to the Father. Why would the Father forsake His Son who *obeyed Him perfectly*? Some say *God cannot look on sin*. That's taking out of context and a misunderstanding of *Habakkuk 1:13* . It refers to God not approving of evil.

## **A. Matthew 27**

*Isaiah 53:10* says it *pleased God* and it was *the Father's will to bruise Him*, the Son. God wasn't being sadistic, but was pleased the Son offered Himself as a sacrifice in the place of sinners. If God was pleased and it was His will to crush the Son, *why would the Father forsake the Son if He was doing the Father's will?*

## **A. Matthew 27**

What is going on? Why did Jesus say this? He's quoting *Psalms* 22. In the culture of first century Israel, when someone *quoted the first verse of a Psalm*, it was a **custom** to quote the rest.

When Jesus quoted this, the Jews around Him knew to quote the rest.

## **B. 22:1-11 - Crying Out to God**

David cries out to God, *yet God is silent*. This is a reference to the *close relationship* the Psalmist had with God. It also *reflected a covenant relationship* because David was among God's chosen people, the Israelites. David is again, in *deep anguish, crying out to God for help*.

## **B. 22:1-11 - Crying Out to God**

We see a contrast in *verses 3, 6, and 9* with words: *yet*, and *but*. David is *comparing his situation*: he has no rest, he feels lower than dirt as a worm, he's mocked, made fun of, in need of help, crying out to the Lord for rescue; *with the character of God*:

## **C. 22:12-21a - The Feelings He Faced**

Using *a lot of poetic imagery*, David continues pouring out his heart to God about what he feels about the situation, whatever it was. He refers to *bulls and dogs*. There are *2 different translations* of the last part of *verse 16*. One refers to *piercing hands and feet*, and the other refers to *a lion* at his hands and feet.

## **C. 22:12-21a - The Feelings He Faced**

Verses 17-18 don't seem to fit with David. This *points to Jesus*, though it may have been a way for David to *figuratively continue* pouring out his heart to God about what he feels is going on *inside with his pain*. In verses 19-21a we see David praying. *Don't be far off LORD; help me; deliver me; save me.*

## **D. 22:12-21a - The Confidence He Had**

After pouring out his heart to God, David expresses confidence He will *answer*, *intervene*, and *rescue him*. Because of this, he would *tell others of what God did*. He then calls the *congregation of Israel to praise God, and stand in awe of Him*.

## **D. 22:12-21a - The Confidence He Had**

David mentions the *great congregation* is where his praise comes from, and that he will *fulfill the vows* he made. This is a reference to sacrifices, and specifically a peace offering, from *Leviticus 3*. This included a *communal meal*, referenced in *verse 26* of the *afflicted or poor eating and being satisfied*.

## **D. 22:12-21a - The Confidence He Had**

Verse 26 continues the *praise* and gives a *blessing*. Those who *seek the Lord* will *praise Him* and David's desire was for them to *live forever*. Verses 27-31 are prophetic, in one sense, because it speaks of the entire earth!

## **E. *Psalm 22* in the New Testament**

*David wrote about his suffering, as a suffering servant of God, he also wrote about the sufferings of Jesus, **The Suffering Servant.** Jesus connected *Psalm 22* with His suffering on the cross, His resurrection, and I would add His return.*

## **E. *Psalm 22* in the New Testament**

In this one Psalm, we have *Christ's death*, which brought **redemption**, *His resurrection* which brought **justification**, and *return*, which will bring the **consummation** of history.

"According to the indices of Old Testament quotations, allusions, and verbal parallels in the United Bible Societies *Greek New Testament*, [Psalm 22](#) is referred to some twenty-four times in the New Testament. Three of the four direct quotations listed and fourteen of twenty allusions/parallels are found within the narratives of Jesus' passion and crucifixion, indicating that this

psalm had already been received as an important resource for understanding and explaining the suffering and death of Jesus at an early date."

*The NIV Application Commentary – Psalms Vol. 1.*

## **E. *Psalm 22* in the New Testament**

<u>Psalm 22</u>		<u>Matthew 27</u>
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22:18	-	27:35
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22:7	-	27:39
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22:8	-	27:43
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22:1	-	27:46
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## **E. *Psalm 22* in the New Testament**

In *John 19:23-24*, John said the *dividing of His garments* was to *fulfill Scripture*. Jesus quoted *verse 1*, which, means the *rest of the Psalm would be quoted*, which points to Him and the crucifixion.

While none of these references refer to the piercing of His hands and feet, *Psalm 22* is a perfect picture of crucifixion.

## **E. *Psalm 22* in the New Testament**

*Psalm 22:22 - Hebrews 2:5-12*

Hebrews encourages Jewish followers of Christ to *remain faithful to the Messiah*, and **not fall back** into *the Law and Jewish traditions*. *Hebrews 2:1-4* is a warning.

Then the text talks about Jesus as the *founder of salvation* and the One that *all things will be in subjection to one day*.

# Prayer

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6**

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