

From Suffering Servant to Savior Shepherd

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Psalm 22 & 23

- 1 {For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.}
1 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.
6 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.}

1 {A Psalm of David.}

- 1** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3** He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- 6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.