

Psalm 22: Distress: For Posterity's Sake
(For the Sake of Others)

In Psalm 22, we are lifted up into the mind of Christ – Ps 22:1; I Cor 2:16

- We see how faith fights distress and despair – Ps 22:1-5
- He doesn't question the holiness of God but argues from it – Ps 22:3
 - ...“God you are trustworthy” – Ps 22:4-5
- When reproached and despised by man he turns to God's faithfulness – Ps 22:6-9

In Psalm 22, we find a prophetic description of Jesus' crucifixion – Ps 22:11-18

- No part of Jesus' spirit, soul, or body escapes the agony of His sacrificial death
 - ...the full price of man's sin is being paid – II Cor 5:21; 12:15
- For historical, eyewitness confirmation: Matt 26,27; Mk 14,15; Lk 22,23; Jo 18,19

In Psalm 22, we find an abrupt change of testimony – Ps 22:22-31

- He bears witness to God's faithfulness – Ps 22:22-23
 - ...He justifies the righteous – Ps 22:25
 - ...He satisfies the afflicted – Ps 22:26; Eph 1:3; II Pet 1:3,4
 - ...He is for the world – Ps 22:27

In Psalm 22, we find a holy purpose for some of our distress: For posterity's sake – Ps 22:30

- Some distress is for others – Ps 22:30-31; Heb 2:10-13
 - ...so the family of God might be fully restored – Ps 22:31
 - ...“a people will be born”: the church – Jo 3:3; II Cor 5:17
- The Messiah pays the price of abandonment so we might live with God forever – Ps 22:1; 22:26