



# Sermon



# Psalms



BOOK ONE (Psalms 1-41)

**1** Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or stand around with mockers, or join in with mockers, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

**2** But not the wicked. They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. Sinners will have no place among the godly, for the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction. †

Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? Kings of the earth prepare for battle; they plot together against the LORD.

But his anointed one, he will break their chains, they cry, and rescue themselves from slavery.

**3**

**1** O LORD, I have so many enemies, so many are against me. **2** So many are saying, "God will never rescue him!" **3** But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, you are my glory, the one who hold my head high.

2 Tim 2:19

**‘My God,  
my God, why...’**

**(Psalm 22:1)**

**‘I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone,  
despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults,  
shaking their heads.’**

**(Psalm 22:6-7)**

**‘Many bulls surround me...  
Roaring lions that tear...  
I am poured out like water...  
My heart has turned to wax...  
Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains...’**

**(Psalm 22:12-21)**



**‘Yet you are enthroned  
as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.**

**In you our ancestors  
put their trust;  
they trusted  
and you delivered them.**

**(Psalm 22:3-4)**

**‘To say that God is holy in the midst of lament about unanswered prayer means that God is not indifferent or impotent like the pagan gods – He is different; He has power; and He has a history of answering prayer.’**

**(Goldingay, Psalms, page 327)**





**‘My God, my God,  
why have you  
forsaken me?’  
(Matt. 27:46)**



**‘But You,  
LORD...’  
(Psalm 22:19)**



**“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:....I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom....I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever....**

**I will be his father, and he shall be my son...Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me...”**

**(2 Samuel 7:11-16)**

**‘The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.**

**‘I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;...**

**I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing...  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.'**  
**(Genesis 12:1-3)**

**‘But you, O Lord,  
do not be  
far away!  
O my help, come  
quickly to my aid’  
(Psalm 22:19)**



**‘the poor will eat and be  
satisfied...the rich of the earth  
will feast and worship’**

**(Psalm 22v26, 29)**

**‘down to the dust...who [could  
not] keep themselves alive’**

**(Psalm 22v29)**



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**‘He trusts in God.  
Let God rescue  
him now if he  
wants him...’  
(Matthew 27:43)**



**‘they pierce my hands  
and my feet.’**

**(Psalm 22:16 NIV)**

**‘they tear at my hands and feet.’**

**(GNB)**

**‘my hands and feet  
have shrivelled.’**

**(NRSV)**





**‘Jews demand signs and Greeks  
look for wisdom, but we preach  
Christ crucified: a stumbling-block  
to Jews and foolishness to  
Gentiles, but to those whom God  
has called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the  
wisdom of God...**

**For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.'**

**(1 Cor. 1:22-25)**



**‘I will declare Your name...’  
(Psalm 22:22)**

**‘go make disciples of all  
nations teaching them to  
obey...’ (Matthew 28:19-20)**

**‘I will declare Your name...’  
(Ps.22v22)**



**‘one beggar  
telling another  
beggar where to  
find bread.’**

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