



Sermon



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 sinners,
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 they are like worthless chaff,
scattered by
the wind.
They will be condemned at the time
of judgment.
Sinners will have no place among the godly,
but the path of the wicked leads to
destruction. †

3 Why are the nations so angry?
Why do they waste their time with
futile plans?
The kings of the earth prepare for battle,
they conspire together
against the LORD
to overthrow his anointed one.
They break their chains, they cry,
"We will not serve ourselves from slavery."

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 holds my
head high.



**‘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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forsaken me?’
(Matt. 27:46)**



**‘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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2 Tim 2:19