

We are continuing in our series in the Psalms this morning with a song of David. Psalm 22 is an individual lament. In this song, David contrasts his experience of suffering with what he knows of the character of God.

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>The suffering servant</b>                          | <b>22:1-21</b>  |
| <b>A.</b>   | <b>David's Suffering</b>                              | <b>1-2</b>      |
| <b>B.</b>   | <b>God's Character</b>                                | <b>3-5</b>      |
| <b>C.</b>   | <b>David's Suffering</b>                              | <b>6-8</b>      |
| <b>D.</b>   | <b>God's Character</b>                                | <b>9-11</b>     |
| <b>E.</b>   | <b>David's Suffering</b>                              | <b>12-18</b>    |
| <b>F.</b>   | <b>David's Prayer</b>                                 | <b>19-21</b>    |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>The result of being saved</b>                      | <b>22:22-31</b> |
| <b>A.</b>   | <b>Tell the believers</b>                             | <b>22-26</b>    |
| <b>B.</b>   | <b>Tell the world</b>                                 | <b>27-31</b>    |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>So What?</b>                                       |                 |
| <b>A.</b>   | <b>The Use of Psalm 22 in the Crucifixion Account</b> |                 |
| <b>B.</b>   | <b>The Implications of Psalm 22 for Communion</b>     |                 |

## **Day by Day in the Word**

Have you ever experienced what Scripture describes, and generations of Christians refer to, as “the silence of God”? Have there been times when it seemed as if God was absent? Think about the circumstances that surrounded that season in your life. Take some time to think about what led up to that season and what led you out of that season.

Which attributes of God (both your knowledge of them and His actual use of them) help you most in seasons of suffering? Based on what you know of God’s character, why would He delay in using certain of His attributes on your behalf?

When God does intervene in your circumstances, do you make a point of letting others know or do you keep it to yourself? Why or why not? When you are with God’s people, do you encourage others to tell the story of their relationship with God? Why do you think David (and many others in Scripture) considers this type of testifying as the natural outcome of experiencing God’s deliverance or faithfulness or discipline or ....?

Before next Sunday, take some time to share with at least one other person your experience of God’s salvation, deliverance, faithfulness, discipline, silence or some other aspect of God’s character.