

REAL WORSHIP AND GOD'S TIMING

Psalm 22:1-31

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Biblical Text: Psalm 22:1-31 NIV


1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? **2** O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. **3** Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. **4** In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. **5** They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. **6** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: **8** "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." **9** Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. **10** From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. **11** Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. **12** Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. **13** Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. **14** I am dried up like a potsherd, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. **15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. **16** Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. **17** I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. **18** They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. **19** But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. **20** Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. **21** Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. **22** I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. **23** You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! **24** For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. **25** From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. **26** The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him-- may your hearts live forever! **27** All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, **28** for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. **29** All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him-- those who cannot keep themselves alive. **30** Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. **31** They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn-- for he has done it.

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Listener Outline

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 WHEN GOD _____, *remember:*

He _____, and

He will _____.

 WHEN _____ is _____, *remember:*

God _____ for you _____, and

He will _____ for you _____.

 WHEN _____ seems _____, *act:*

_____ on God _____ by _____.

 WHEN GOD _____, *act:*

_____ to GOD's people, and

_____ GOD for his

_____ and _____ rule.