

Book of Revelation – Case Study I - “Psalm 22” {Part C}

The Psalm of the Cross

Series REV-26

Psalm 22:22 & 23

“The Victory of the Cross”

Pen of Inspiration tells us that our victory comes from what Christ accomplished at Calvary:

- Strengthened with His might, they are enabled to reach the high ideals before them. The sacrifice made on Calvary is the pledge of their victory. {MYP 95.4}
- Christ’s followers are to look upon Satan as a conquered foe. Upon the cross, Jesus was to gain the victory for them; that victory He desired them to accept as their own. {MH 94.2}

In our last segment, Part B this phrase in verse 21 was presented, “for Thou hast heard Me from the horns of the wild oxen.” Then the question as to its meaning.

One day studying this Psalm it dawned on me that this verse is actually the transition passage from the *suffering of Christ* to the *victory of Christ*. I believe the Holy Spirit brought this information to me. It was an astounding thought! As I meditated on it, the thought came to me that Christ ‘knew’ this by *faith*. Thus, the first two-thirds of the chapter which deals with suffering, Jesus could endure only by *faith* and the last one-third of the chapter, He accomplished also only by *faith*. We will now explore this last third of Psalm 22, which reveals the victory of the cross.

We need to recall and ever keep in mind the following:

- Psalm 22 was fulfilled in Christ’s crucifixion. Thus, it is a prophecy of His suffering on Calvary.
- The first 21 verses spell and bear out this suffering He experienced as our substitute. Hence, He didn’t just die for our sins, but for our suffering.
- This single/sole event is the pivot or pivotal action that secured the universe and won the Great Controversy, we’ve been studying in Revelation 12 and other parts of the Bible.
- At the cross, not only hangs our every hope as vs.9 indicates (where hope came to the human family), but in view of the cross “the Christian may advance with the steps of a conqueror; for from it streams the light of the Saviour’s love.”

With these points in mind, we now turn our attention to the last third of the chapter—the Victory of Jesus for us in His closing moments of life.

But let us read this precious statement first:

*“Without the **cross**, man could have no connection with the Father. On it hangs our **every hope**. In view of it the Christian may advance with the steps of a conqueror, for from it **streams the light of the Saviour’s love**. When the sinner reaches the **cross**, and looks up to the **One who died to save him**, he may rejoice with fullness of joy; for his **sins are pardoned**. **Kneeling at the cross**, he has reached the highest place to which man can attain. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ; and the words of pardon are spoken: **Live, O ye guilty sinners, live**. **Your repentance is accepted; for I have found a ransom**.” {5BC 1133}*

Psalm 22:22-24 – The Keynote of Victory

In our last segment (Part B), we looked at verse 21 the last half, realizing this is as a transition from the first 2/3 of the chapter, expressive of *His suffering*, to now the last third of the chapter expressive of Christ’s declaration of *Victory*.

There are a number of points for our consideration in verse 22:

1) Christ declares “Thy name unto my brethren.” What is meant by this declaration:

- a) The reference to “Thy name” is referencing what? [Hint: Ex 34:6,7 compare with Jer. 23:6 & John 17:6] _____
- b) Who is Jesus making this declaration to? _____
- c) Because Jesus was expecting _____
_____. Therefore, what was this declaration based on: _____.

2) Thought Question: We will discuss this in our study Monday night. Vs.22 echoes a statement Jesus made in His closing thought, that last prayer with His disciples as recorded in John 17, right before entering Gethsemane. (Note the last verse of the chapter). Compare that verse with this one in Ps.22. Do you see a slight change in that verse from this one? “I have...” [but then He says] “I will...”

Both in the Garden of Gethsemane and again on the cross, Christ’s closing thought involved a declaration of **faith**. What was He expecting? _____
_____.

What does this tell us about the character of Jesus, the character of God?

_____.

Could we say this declaration meets its reality in John 20:17 & 18? _____.

If so, how? _____.

If we diagram this out, it looks like this:

- On borders of Gethsemane – Declaration made {John 17:26}
 - On the Cross Declaration Repeated {Psalm 22:22}
 - Resurrection Morning – Declaration fulfilled (partially) via Mary Magdalena. {John 20:15-17}
 - [Then request made to the Father (Private ascension)]
 - {John 17:24; DA 834.2}
- Later that day Declaration Fulfilled directly to disciples {John 20:21,22; 21:6, 12, 15-17}
 - First to the two men on road to Emmaus {Luke 24:15-17, 25-29}
 - Second to all the disciples (in Upper Room) {Luke 24:36-42}

3) The Apostle Paul quotes David in Heb. 2:12, what two changes does he make?

a. _____.

b. _____.

Moving on to verse 23—

In this verse, Christ (through David) is speaking to those that _____ the Lord to then “**praise Him**,” all ye the seed of Jacob, _____ Him; and _____ Him, all ye the seed of Israel.

- 4) Do these two words remind you of anything? Especially in re. to the last book of the Bible? [Please explain] _____
 {This may require some thought—but if this precious nugget is realized, I hope it will be as great an ‘Ah ha’ moment as I had when it first dawned on my understanding.}
- 5) Why is the Lord mentioning both, the “seed of Jacob” and the “seed of Israel”? [Hint: think about these two names. It is a much deeper reality than just meets the eye at first glance.]

Put another way, who would these represent {focus on the name, not the seed}:

Seed of Jacob: _____.

Seed of Israel: _____.

{Do you have biblical support}

WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH PSALM 22 IN PART D