

Why? Psalm 22 and 23

The Ultimate Question:

“My God” and “abandon” do not _____ into the same sentence. Goldingay

God’s Abandonment:

WRONG: “Jesus _____ God wasn’t with Him”

TRUTH: Jesus became sin and _____ from God.

➤ This is _____ of His Son.

JEWISH MINDSET: seeking God is seeking Him to get _____
abandonment – refers to _____ on Christ’s behalf.

➤ Jesus experienced the reality of separation from the _____ of God the Father because it was _____

➤ Our salvation is completely _____ on this moment.

Christ’s Suffering:

➤ Day and night he cries out – God _____

➤ Israelite fathers trusted in the Lord and were delivered – but He is _____

➤ The Lord cared for Him all His life – but _____

➤ He expresses the _____ of His enemies.

➤ Christ’s _____ suffering: life is slipping away.

➤ Jesus says: “_____ lay me in the dust of death.”

“The psalm began with God distressingly _____; worse, it continues with God distressingly present but _____ way.” Goldingay

➤ _____ words and phrases indicate _____ as well as poetry and even the _____ of prophecy: “like a lion... my hands... my feet...”

Christ’s Prayer:

Psalm 22:19-21 But You, LORD, don't be far away. My strength, come quickly to help me.

➤ He doesn’t just want God’s _____; He wants God’s _____.

Christ’s Last Words:

1. “_____ - _____ them for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34

2. “_____ you shall be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43

3. “Woman, behold thy son. Son, behold thy mother.” John 19:26

4. “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? My God, My God why have You _____ Me?”
Matt 27:45, Mark 15:34 (sky is dark from 12:00 noon - 3:00pm)

5. “I thirst.” John 19:28

6. “IT IS _____.” John 19:30

7. “_____ into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.” Luke 23:46

_____ of Jesus’ last words show us that He _____ God.

God's Answer:

^{NKJ} **Psalm 22:21** Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen!

You have answered Me!

- _____ in between the prayer to be saved, and the statement “You’ve answered me.”
- Jesus _____ from God. Even this verse shows us the _____ of prophecy.

Acts 2:23-24

- The “WHY” was _____
- Even though Jesus was not delivered from the suffering of separation, abandonment and death, His prayer for God _____

Psalm 22:24

- Did Jesus experience the abandonment of God during His suffering?
 - _____
- Did God deliver Him from his suffering?
 - _____
- Did God answer His prayer to help Him?
 - _____

Christ's Trust:

- You may experience painful: _____
Will God abandon you? _____
He has promised _____ or forsake you.
You have the permanent comforter dwelling in you – the _____
- But God may “abandon” you in the sense of _____ when you want Him to.

Remember what Jesus remembered:

- God is “YOUR GOD”
- Call out to Him that way – _____
- _____ Him or _____ yourself from Him.
- Remember that GOD is _____
- Remember that He _____ in the past, and _____
- Remember that He _____ your prayers, and He _____ them, in His perfect way.
- Jesus is the _____ -, and His Father is the _____ of Israel.
- The Lamb _____ in His Shepherd.

The suffering of Psalm 22: Psalm 23:4: “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear, for Thou are with Me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort Me.”

- Psalm 22 shows us that _____ during a particular time of suffering.
- Psalm 23 shows us that _____ and care for us, protect us and deliver us
- When we are experiencing the suffering of abandonment, we are still to _____ of the Shepherd.