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Journey through the Bible



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Bible study

The Shepherd Psalms 22, 23, 24

Psalm 22 - the Good Shepherd
—gives His life for the sheep

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Psalm 22

The Good Shepherd
gives His life for the sheep
The Psalm of the Cross

The Cry of the Forsaken One-

My God, my God,
why have You forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me?
so far from my cries of anguish?
My God, I cry out by day,
but You do not answer;
And by night,
but I have no rest. (Psalm 22:1-2)

The Son Forsaken by God, His Father

When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Mark 15:33-34

He laid down His life for us!

The Son, made sin for us!!

He (God, the Father) made Him who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
2 Corinthians 5:21

He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 1 Peter 2:24

"But I am a worm and not a man."

But 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 head,
"He trusts in the LORD;" they say,
"let the LORD rescue him."
Let Him rescue him,
since He delights in him." ...
Psalm 22:6-8,

The worm is tolaath in Hebrew, a crimson worm that was crushed to make the scarlet dye for the tabernacle. The dye from the crushed worm was so deep in color that it covered every spot and stain whether on paper or on leather.

"Come now, and let us reason together,"
Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson (tolaath),
They will be like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

“scorned and despised by the people”

Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet..
All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.
They divide my clothes among them,
and cast lots for my garment.

Psalm 22:16-18,

“scorned, despised by the people”

Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself.” “Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

Mark 15:29-32

Jesus is the Good Shepherd!!

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:11-15

He laid down His life for us!

At least 15 prophecies in Psalm 22 were literally fulfilled at the cross!

1. The mockers laughed at Him, 7a
2. They taunted Him to save Himself, 8
3. Jesus trusted in God His Father, 9-10
4. There was no one to help Him, 11
5. Evil, wicked men surrounded Him, 12-13
6. Water & blood poured from His side, 14
7. His bones became out of joint, 14b

8. The heart of the Savior was broken, 14c
9. Before the cross His strength faltered, 15a
10. Christ experienced thirst, 15b
11. He was brought to the jaws of death, 15c
12. Evil men surrounded Him, 16
13. His hands and feet were pierced, 16c
14. Soldiers divided His garments, 18a
15. They cast lots for His robe, 18b

(Matthew 27:33-56; Mark 15:22-39;
Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-30)

The redemptive work of Christ is Done!

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.
For the kingdom belongs to the LORD
and He rules over the nations. ...
Posterity will serve Him; ...
They will proclaim His righteousness,
declaring to a people who will be born,
He has performed it! (22:27-31)

The final word of the psalm, “He has performed it” echoes in the last word of Christ on the cross, “It is finished” (John 19:30). That word, tetelestai, was found on a Roman tax document signifying that the debt was “paid in full.” tetelestai, is in the perfect tense indicating a completed work with continuing results or benefits. That is, the redemptive suffering of the cross is completed and its benefits continue for all time, a perfect, finished work.

Psalm 23

The Great Shepherd
cares for His sheep
The “Shepherd” Psalm

Psalm 23-The Shepherd Psalm

God's relationship with His own, 23:1
"The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want."

God's provision for His own, 23:2-3

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake..

God's protection of His own, 23:4-5

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Psalm 23-The Shepherd Psalm

God's faithfulness to His own, 23:6
Surely goodness and lovingkindness
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD forever.

Jesus is the Great Shepherd

“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20–21)

He cares and provides for us!

Psalm 24

The Chief Shepherd
comes in glory for His sheep

The Second Coming Psalm

As Creator, God is worthy of worship

The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains,
the world, and those who dwell in it;
For He has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. 24:1-2

But, who is worthy to worship God?

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in His presence? 24:3

Only one with a pure, sinless heart!

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
and has not sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and righteousness
from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek Your face— Psalm 24:3-6

But, who has a pure, sinless heart?

The King of Glory, He alone is worthy!

Lift up your heads, O gates,
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!

Who is the King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates,
and lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!
Psalm 24:7-9

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of Glory!
Psalm 24:10

Jesus is the King of Glory!

None of the rulers of this age understood it,
for if they had, they would not have
crucified the LORD of glory. 1 Cor. 2:8

Jesus, is the Chief Shepherd!

And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the crown of glory that
will never fade away. (1 Peter 5:4)

We enter heaven only through Him!

Worthy are You, our LORD and our God,
to receive glory and honor and power:
for You created all things, and because of
Your will they existed, and were created.
Revelation 4:11

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to
receive power and riches and wisdom and
might and honor and glory and blessing.
Revelation 5:11

He alone is worthy!

Jesus, King of Glory, will return!

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Revelation 21:2-4

See you next week!

**Read Psalms 32, 33, 34
Songs of the Soul Set Free!**


