



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

Passage: Psalm 22

Title: The Fifth Gospel

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Discussion Starter –If God plainly and physically revealed Himself to the world do you think people would more faithfully submit themselves to Him? Would you? What is the foundation of our relationship with God? What different ways has God revealed Himself to people? How does fulfilled prophecy support God’s self-revelation, (John 14:29)?

Read Hebrews 11:6 and John 14:29

1. What three truths does fulfilled prophecy recorded in the bible reveal to us about God and our relationship to Him?
2. How does bible prophecy go beyond the prediction of future events?
3. How is biblical, godly faith different from blind faith? Does God reward blind faith?
 - a. Is your faith “blind” or is it grounded in something? What? How can we nurture it to grow?

Read Psalm 22:1-21

4. This psalm is introduced as “a Psalm of David”. The first and last verses were spoken by Jesus on the cross, triggering the entire psalm in the ears of those who heard Him. Is this passage about Jesus, David, or both? Explain your conclusion.
5. How is David’s, (Jesus’) cry of abandonment in verses 1-2 answered in verses 3-5?
6. How is Jesus’ incarnation, as our second Adam described in verses 6-11?
 - b. How did Jesus succeed as a perfect man, the seed of the woman, when Adam, David, and others failed?
7. Who are the strong bulls of Bashan? (Read Luke 22:53)
8. What is the prayer and the triumphant response in verses 19-21?

Read Psalm 22:22-31

9. How many terms related to groups, assemblies, families, poor, or prosperous can you find in these verses?
 - c. Contrast the universal scope of worship with the dark despair described in verses 1-21. How does this affect your understanding of Hebrews 12:2, “...for the joy set before Him, endured the cross...”?
 - d. How does this help you to take up your cross daily?
10. Read Hebrews 2:10-12. How does the writer to the Hebrews expand on Psalm 22 to describe Jesus as our captain or “one with His brethren”?
 - e. Describe the similarities you see between the 2 halves of Psalm 22 and Genesis 3:15, “He, (the seed of the woman) shall bruise his, (the serpent’s) head, and you, (serpent) shall bruise His, (seed of the woman’s) heel.” What is at stake in this battle? What is the prophesied outcome?