

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 22: 1; 18; 27

New International Version

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?

The Message

God, God...my God! Why did you dump me miles from nowhere? Doubled up with pain, I call to God all the day long.

The words in this first verse, and the content of the chapter, have some relation to the crucifixion of Jesus; recall, that Christ used these opening words (in Hebrews) as recorded in the Gospels. It is believed that at this moment the world's sin(s) was brought to bear on Jesus; thus, he was separated from or apart from God who could not and cannot look upon sin. What followed from his expression: his death, burial, resurrection and ascension; thus, we serve a living savior that, by this series of events, has enabled the fulfillment of the new covenant to God's glory and man's salvation. For Jesus was the lamb slain, the atonement for my sins.

They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

They take my wallet and the shirt off my back, and then throw dice for my clothes

Again, the story of the cross where the Roman guards divvied-up his garments; this act to suggest that they were untouched by the suffering in sight and treated that cross as yet another "day's work". Perhaps taking the garments was a common and entertaining end to the remains of day...a kind of reward to solace their souls. What do you think? .

All the ends of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him - those who cannot keep themselves alive.

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Both the living and dead will face the *Great and Dreadful Day* (a.k.a "the judgment); but also, on that day, "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that *Jesus is Lord*. What can make such an outcome; very simply, that *Christ is the savior* and the *God is sovereign* - his will is inevitable and his plan is certain. *God is in control!*

Let us give thanks that we will see him, both the living and the dead, who are made righteous in *Christ!* Prepare the Way...

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