

Psalms 22

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My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

- 1** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
 - 2** O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
 - 3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
 - 4** Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
 - 5** They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
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- 6** But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
 - 7** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
 - 8** He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
 - 9** But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
 - 10** I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.
 - 11** Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

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- 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
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- 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
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- 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

- 26** The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
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- 27** All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- 28** For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.
- 29** All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
- 30** A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
- 31** They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Save — יָשָׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשָׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

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Psalms 22:2 **References God:** Psalms 42:3; 80:4; 88:1; Luke 6:12; 18:7; 2 Timothy 1:3. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:8; 3:44; Matthew 26:44; 1 Thessalonians 3:10

Psalms 22:3 **Resurrection:** Psalms 50:23; 65:1; Deuteronomy 10:21. **Holy:** Psalms 99:9; 145:17; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8

Psalms 22:4 **Faith:** Genesis 15:6; Exodus 14:31. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 32:28

Psalms 22:5 **Faith:** Psalms 31:1; 71:1; Romans 9:33; 10:11; 1 Peter 2:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 106:44; Judges 6:6; Isaiah 45:17; 49:23

Psalms 22:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:11; Job 25:6; Isaiah 41:14; 49:7; 53:3; Lamentations 3:30; Matthew 11:19; John 7:15; Hebrews 13:12; Revelation 15:3

Psalms 22:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 109:25; Mark 15:29

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Psalms 22:22 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 25:40; 28:10; Romans 8:29

Psalms 22:23 **Worship:** Revelation 15:4. **Parallel theme:** Luke 1:50. **References Lord:** Psalms 115:11. **Resurrection:** Psalms 50:23

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Psalms 22:25 **Resurrection:** Psalms 22:22; 35:18; 56:12; 111:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 66:13; 66:16

Psalms 22:26 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:32. **References Lord:** Psalms 40:16; Isaiah 25:6; 65:13

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