

# Psalm 22:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

God did not 'despise nor abhor the affliction of the afflicted'—a profound statement of divine compassion toward suffering. Though God ordained Christ's suffering, He did not delight in it for its own sake but for redemption's sake (Isa. 53:10). 'Neither hath he hid his face from him' contradicts the earlier cry of forsakenness (v.1), showing that apparent divine absence was temporary and purposeful. Reformed theology sees God's sovereign orchestration: He hid His face momentarily to accomplish salvation, then restored fellowship eternally.

## Historical Context

This verse assures suffering saints that God sees, cares, and hears their cries. Throughout Israel's history—exile, oppression, persecution—this promise sustained faith that God had not permanently abandoned His people despite temporary discipline.

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

### Study Questions

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1. How does knowing God does not 'despise your affliction' change how you bring suffering to Him?
2. What does God's response to Christ's cry teach about His response to your prayers?

### Interlinear Text

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H3588	H3808	For he hath not despised	H3808	nor abhorred	the affliction
		H959		H8262	H6039
מִתְּאֵלָה	בְּנֵי	הַסְתֵּר	מִצְּבָה	נִרְאָה	עַל
of the afflicted	H3808	neither hath he hid	his face	H4480	
H6041		H5641	H6440		
בְּשִׁיעָר	אֵל	שָׁמַע			
from him but when he cried	H413	unto him he heard			
H7768		H8085			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 5:7** (Parallel theme): Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

**Psalms 118:5** (Parallel theme): I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

**Psalms 22:2** (Parallel theme): O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

**Psalms 34:6** (Parallel theme): This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

**Psalms 22:6** (Parallel theme): But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

**Luke 23:46** (Parallel theme): And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

**Psalms 69:17** (Parallel theme): And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

**Psalms 35:10** (Parallel theme): All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

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