

Psalm 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Analysis

The mockers' taunt—quoted verbatim by those at the cross (Matt. 27:43)—strikes at the heart of faith: 'let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.' Reformed theology sees profound irony here: God did delight in His Son (Matt. 3:17), but precisely because of that delight, He did not deliver Him from the cross. Christ's abandonment was necessary for our salvation. God's silence during Christ's suffering was the loudest declaration of His love for sinners.

Historical Context

This exact taunt at Calvary demonstrates the psalm's prophetic nature. The religious leaders unknowingly quoted Scripture while rejecting its fulfillment. Their mockery became proof of Messianic prophecy.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that God 'did not spare His own Son' (Rom. 8:32) transform your view of divine love?

2. What does Christ's abandonment teach about the cost of God's delight in you?

Interlinear Text

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He trusted	H413	on the LORD	that he would deliver	him let him deliver	H3588
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 91:14 (Parallel theme): Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Psalms 18:19 (Light): He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Isaiah 42:1 (Light): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Psalms 37:5 (Faith): Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 55:22 (References Lord): Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Proverbs 16:3 (References Lord): Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 3:17 (Parallel theme): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Psalms 71:11 (Parallel theme): Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Matthew 12:18 (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

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