

## "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

*From eternity past, in perfect harmony with the Father, and in blessed fellowship with the Spirit, God the Son had planned the total, voluntary offering of Himself as God's Lamb. <sup>1</sup> He knew full well that the depraved hearts of the very ones for whom He died would twist it into an act of wicked deicide on their part. As God, He had planned it all -- but, as man, He learned obedience through the things He suffered. <sup>2</sup> His humanity was genuine. While remaining always totally within the realm of perfect sinlessness, He must have felt much as we, in His place, would have felt. <sup>3</sup> Hear His cry from the cross, quoted from Psalm 22 -- but ponder also the thoughts of His heart, as indicated here and elsewhere in Scripture:*

I came to my own creation and my own people gave me no welcome. <sup>4</sup> My own mother's sons saw nothing different in me <sup>5</sup> and did not believe in me. <sup>6</sup> My disciples have forsaken me and have fled. <sup>7</sup> Dear Peter has denied even knowing me. Judas, my own familiar friend, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. <sup>8</sup> My people, Israel, have laughed me to scorn and demanded I be crucified. <sup>9</sup> But -- my God, why hast THOU forsaken me?

The day I became flesh I whispered to you from my infant heart, "Lo, I come ... to do Thy will, O God," <sup>10</sup> From that day we have had sweet and unbroken communion, a fellowship springing out of eternity past. But now I cry unto Thee in the daytime -- and even in the night season, when for three long hours the very sun no longer shines, I cry and am not silent -- and Thou hearest not. <sup>11</sup> Why hast Thou FORSAKEN me?

Our fathers trusted in Thee and Thou didst deliver them. <sup>12</sup> You brought Israel out of bondage in Egypt, rescued Joseph from his brothers, and delivered Daniel and his friends from lion and fire. They trusted in Thee and were not confounded. <sup>13</sup> Yet it pleased Thee to put me to grief. <sup>14</sup> Why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? <sup>15</sup> My God, why hast Thou forsaken ME?

But Thou art holy! <sup>16</sup> I am a worm and no man <sup>17</sup> for I am bearing the sins of lost men everywhere in my own body here on this tree. <sup>18</sup> I have been made to be sin for them. <sup>19</sup> I am being wounded for their transgressions and bruised for their iniquities. <sup>21</sup> But Thou are holy and sin must be punished!

David once said, "I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." <sup>22</sup> Yet Thou hast forsaken me, and I am broken! But my seed will never be forsaken, they will be preserved forever. <sup>23</sup> Nor will they beg bread, for I am the bread from heaven being broken for them. <sup>14</sup> They shall eat and be satisfied! <sup>25</sup>

O Father, I know why Thou hast forsaken me! But I call all these gathered this day, mocking my agony, to remember the Psalm from which I quote -- that they might know who I

am and what I am doing here on this cruel cross. May the words of David open their blind eyes, soften their hard hearts, and bring them to You. To them I call, "Remember the Psalm!

Remember all of it, for **it is being fulfilled before your very eyes**, and turn to the Lord. <sup>26</sup>

Remember the Psalm -- it begins like this, "**My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?**"

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