Psalms'; por to Dec 2023

PSALM 16 - Nov 5 \* Please read before Cluster Group



## 1<sup>st</sup>: Read <u>Psalm 16:1-11</u>

 2<sup>nd</sup>: Worship and 'marinate in' the Lord, with one of the following: <u>Psalm 16: The Corner Room</u> <u>Psalm 16: Keep me Safe</u> Ian Callanan/ Cantor & Choir <u>Psalm 16: Preserve Me</u> James Block

**THEME:** Present Faith and Future Hope

AUTHOR: David

**TYPE:** A Psalm of Confidence

PROPHETIC & NT LINKS: <u>Acts 2:25-31</u>; <u>Acts 13:35-37</u>. A Messianic Psalm

**BACKGROUND & CONTENTS:** Israel did not completely remove the influence of those who worshiped other gods when they entered the promised land under Joshua. The temptation to trust other gods persisted throughout the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and Judah. Here the psalmist, David, rejects those influences and chooses to be "sold out" for God!... All or Nothing!

The Psalm re-sorted: [The superscript additions refer to the original Psalm verse]

1. The Plea: Keep me safe, my God <sup>1a</sup>

2. The Faith Stand: For in You I take refuge<sup>1b</sup>. I say to the LORD (YAHWEH), "You are my LORD (YAHWEH); apart from You I have no good thing."<sup>2</sup> LORD (YAHWEH), You alone are my portion and my cup; You make my lot secure.<sup>5</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD (YAHWEH).<sup>8a</sup>

3. Seeing and Understanding the Contrasted Choices: I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." <sup>3</sup> Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.<sup>4a</sup>

4. The Reality Outcome, of Faith and Confidence: *The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.*<sup>6</sup> *The LORD* (YAHWEH) *counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.*<sup>7b</sup> *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.*<sup>9a</sup> *You make known to me the path of life.*<sup>11a</sup>

5. A Faith Declaration for the Future: *I <u>will not</u>* pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.<sup>4b</sup> *I <u>will</u>* praise the LORD (YAHWEH).<sup>7a</sup> With Him at my right hand, *I <u>will not</u>* be shaken.<sup>8b</sup> my body also <u>will</u> rest secure,<sup>9b</sup> because You <u>will not</u> abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor <u>will</u> You let your faithful one see decay.<sup>10</sup> You <u>will</u> fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.<sup>11b</sup>

## **QUESTIONS for the Cluster Group Leader to ask:**

- Read either the original or the re-sorted Psalm and recognize how parts apply to the life, death, resurrection and ascended glory of Jesus Christ (CDR) Which verses/parts?
- 2. Repeat the above, substituting and imagining yourself (**HSP**) as the author, instead of David. How accurate is that fit? Now, how can that inform and drive your Prayer and Worship?
- 3. I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." <sup>3</sup> Who do you know, or know of, as

fitting in this category; who stand strong as Christians in their families, community, or in the nation(s)? Name them and lift them

4. Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.<sup>4a</sup> Are you at risk of being considered by anyone as fitting in this category? Do you know of any who are strongly and publicly anti-Christian in their families, community, the nation(s)? Do you know of anyone who is at rock-bottom in their 'lostness', addictions, life consequences? Name them and lift them up in earnest, heart-felt, faith-filled prayer. God yearns that they turn to Him and be delivered from the captivity of darkness, despair, and deception – to hope, salvation, healing, purpose, and Life in all His fullness.

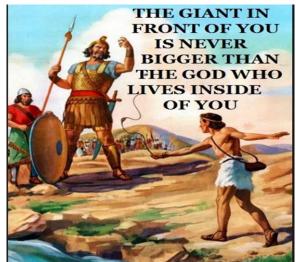
up in prayer. Make time to commend and encourage them.

5. Finally, read the Psalm again from an end-times (**ETR**) perspective. Now, how does that inform and drive your Prayer and Worship? Does it add urgency, the need to hear the voice of the Lord, the call to more time in the prayer closet, searching the Living scriptures, specific prioritising, and specific action responses of faith to your praying?

# Not For Sale ... Taken off the market ...

# "Completely Sold Out" for God!

# OVERFLOW: 2 Timothy 1:12 2 Corinthians 1:9 Ephesians 1:18 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 Luke 10:21-22 1 Corinthians 15:50-55 1



## 2 SAMUEL 21-22 - Nov 12 \* Please read before Cluster Group

## **1st:** Listen to <u>Battle Belongs to You - Phil Wickham - live video</u> or <u>Battle Belongs - Phil Wickham - with lyrics</u>

## 2nd: Read 2 Samuel 21:15-22 and 2 Samuel 22

THEME: Tempered Faith & Tempered Praying

**AUTHOR:** Unknown, but Chapter 22 is a quote of Psalm 18 (David) . **THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT:** 2 Samuel 21-23 covers the last years of King David's life and reign over Israel. David had taken over the fractured kingdom that Saul had left behind and built a strong, united power. He conquered the surrounding nations, but throughout his reign the Philistines, one of the original native occupying tribes of the promised Canaan land, were a constant enemy. Back in Joshua's time, Moses had sent spies into the land, who were terrified by the powerful giants living there (<u>Numbers 13</u>). As a result of their unwillingness to act further on God's promise to them, the Israelites were consigned to wander in the desert for 40 years. Later, while still very young, David killed the giant Goliath with only a slingshot, much courage and great faith (<u>1 Samuel</u> <u>17</u>). Now we move to this final period of David's life, when the apparent remainder of Goliath's line were finally killed.

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**CONTENTS:** The 2 Samuel 21 reading is an action prelude to the victorious praise and worship of 2 Samuel 22 and Psalm 18, which is almost like a Grand Final write-up! It is preceded and backed up by a lifetime of David and his mighty team of heroes being put through the 'all-weathers' training of challenges, victories, defeats, despairs, character and physical assassination attempts - and bucket loads of physical, moral, ethical, ego, financial, and spiritual temptations. In all these things God, as Sovereign Lord and 'Head Coach', formed them to be His instrument in Israel, to fulfil His purposes, for His Glory.

In short – They were **HARDENED** and **TEMPERED**, like steel is hardened and tempered by repeatedly plunging it into the furnace, then into cold water. They became elite athletes.

The **HSP** human analogy is perfect: The hardened body, mind and heart fresh from the furnace of testing may be strong, yet may also be brittle, cynical, callous, cruel, unforgiving, easily offended, superior, and proud. It needs to be tempered in a process of heart softening by the Holy Spirit, to become conformed to the heart and mind of Christ.

The hardening and tempering process is a necessary and multirepeated one. The end-product is ultra strong, resilient, not brittle, but shape-workable, and fit for purpose.

Of such calibre were David's top mighty warriors. They didn't become this overnight. They pushed their training and fighting skills to the utmost, relentlessly ... and accomplished what no others before them had been able to (apart from David killing Goliath decades before)! They were able to defeat and kill the four fearsome, brutal Philistine giants (most likely the 8-9ft tall relatives of Goliath), who were also at the top of their 'game'. David had chosen and trained his elite band of warriors well. They were part of an inner trusted circle of 30, who in turn were part of a mighty inner core of 100, within his extensive, loyal army.

.... And David was a man after God's own heart (Read <u>Acts 13:22</u>) .... And he knew that his strength was found in God's strength alone! (Read Psalm 18:1)

.... And his inner circle of 30 would have known this vital truth also!

There is a big difference between God's strength and human strength, and you will never make it by depending on human strength alone.

*Not (only) by might, nor (only) by power, but by my spirit* [the Spirit of the living God], saith the LORD (Yahweh) of hosts (Zechariah 4:6).

## **APPLICATION for PRAYER AND PRESENCE Training:**

- The learning curve. Remember the thrill of doing your first aerial somersault; your first goal from 20 metres out; your first recital of 'Three blind mice'; your first ballet class pliés? You trained and trained for it and the day finally came!
- Remember the first time you were able to recite John 3:16; draw and explain the '3-circles'; give your first testimony; pray for someone; lead someone to salvation in Jesus; know God speaking to you, or through you; of experiencing His supernatural provision,; or healing; or intimate presence .... ? And you went on from there learning, trusting and obeying Scripture and the leading of the Spirit more and more.
- Learning effective, dynamic, fruitful, Kingdom praying IS hard work! Learning to enter into the awesome, intimate presence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit IS hard work, requiring much commitment, passion, perseverance, and practice - to the point of obsession, sometimes despair, sometimes wild elation, sometimes tears of remorse, sometimes painful self-awareness, brokenness, humbling – but then to deep ministries of the Holy Spirit that usher in forgiveness, healing, and cleansing. Why this running tension? Because you are seeking the Kingdom of God, which runs totally counter to this world's earthly kingdom. Read John 18:36, <u>Colossians 1:13</u>. The world, the flesh and the devil are powerful opponents, but the power (Gk:*dunamis*/dynamite) of the Holy

Spirit in the Believer is more than a match for any opposition, even in apparent 'failures'. The Holy Spirit is our ever-present coach and helper.

- The really great news is that, like the elite athlete, the training in prayer and worship eventually, and increasingly, brings great reward. The prayer closet draws you more and more, as that is where you delight in knowing God's presence, love, and instruction; His voice, heart, and empowering strength. From that beautiful powerhouse you can then go forward into EVERY situation with assurance, faith, and expectancy; to see God's hand at work through you, to His glory and praise, and your fulfilment. Your view will be inevitably changed from being myopic (shortsighted) to Kingdom-focussed.
  - **THEN**, perhaps, you are ready to slay some Giants!
- That is the experience and testimony of Rees Howells in *Rees Howells Intercessor*; of Peter Grieg in *Red Moon Risin;* and of George Muller in his autobiography. Please read these books.

**FOR DBS: 1 Timothy 4:7b-8** *Train yourself to be godly.* <sup>8</sup> *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* 

**QUESTIONS:** Do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to deeper prayer, worship, and bolder discipleship? Ready for a faith jump? Go for it!

**KEY VERSES:** Deuteronomy 20:4, Joshua 1:9, Philippians 4:13, Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Philippians 3:14

LASTLY: Listen to Refiner's Fire - Brian Doerksen

# PSALM 18 (and 2 SAMUEL 22) - Nov 19 \* Please read before Cluster Group



1st: Listen to I Love You Lord - Maranatha Music

## 2nd: Read Psalm 18

**THEME:** The God Who Delivers – Gratitude for deliverance and victory. The only sure way to be delivered from surrounding evil is to call upon God for help and strength.

AUTHOR: David TYPE: A Royal Hymn of Thanksgiving. NT LINK: Paul quotes <u>Psalm 18:49</u> in <u>Romans 15:9</u>

**CONTENTS & BACKGROUND:** The historical setting for this Psalm is recorded in 2 Samuel 21, which records several battles with the Philistines in which the sons of the giant Goliath were killed. Psalm 18 is an almost identical copy of 2 Samuel 22, having been slightly altered by the addition of Psalm 18:1, and deletion of 2 Samuel 22:3b, to make it more suitable for public worship.

The psalm celebrates victory despite adversity, not freedom from adversity. It also views the bigger picture of God's program of victory for

David's family line, and the extension of that blessing to those faithful to him.

#### **STRUCTURE:**

2 Sam		Psalm
22		18
22:2-4	Introductory praise of God as	18:1-3
	'Saviour'.	
22:5-	How God delivered David from	18:4-
20	mortal danger at the hands of	19
	his enemies.	
22:21-	Why God delivered David; the	18:20-
30	moral grounds.	29
22:31-	The <u>extent</u> of God's deliverance.	18:31-
46		45
22:47-	Concluding praise of God.	18:46-
51		50

**KEY VERSES for DBS** (or using this Booklets last page <u>Study Aid</u> Questions)

**Psalm 18:2** The LORD (Yahweh) is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**Psalm 18:29** With Your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

**Psalm 18:32-34** It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. <sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He causes me to stand on the heights. <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

QUESTIONS for the Cluster Group Leader to ask: - Based on Psalm 18

• What are some of the key images from verses <u>2-19</u>, and what do those images communicate to you?

- What are ways we can glorify God and offer praise to Him when we experience victories today?
- Look at verses <u>4–6</u>. When have you cried out to God in a way that was especially memorable?
- Look at verses <u>20–24</u>. Should we expect to be blessed and not have to face trials when we obey God? Explain.
- How have you experienced God's strength and support in the past year? Explain.
- Where are you in danger of taking credit for what God has accomplished?

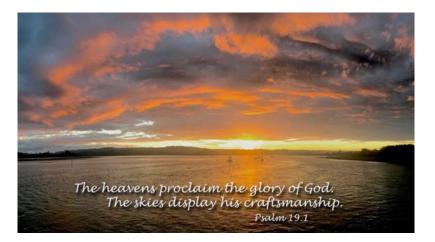
*Worship:* Read verses <u>46–49</u> out loud as an act of worship. Write those verses on a paper or notecard and carry them with you this week. Repeat those praises as often as you are able.

 OVERFLOW: Philippians 4:13, Proverbs 18:10, Romans 8:31-39,
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 Corinthians 1:9, Matthew 26:38-39, Ephesians 6:10-12, Acts 24:16
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Praise and Worship: <u>'Deliverance'</u> - by Gateway Worship

## PSALM 19 - Nov 26 \* Please read before Cluster Group



<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD (YAHWEH) is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD (YAHWEH) are trustworthy, making wise the simple.<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD (YAHWEH) are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD (YAHWEH) are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD (YAHWEH) is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD (YAHWEH) are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD (YAHWEH), my Rock and my Redeemer.

**1st:** Listen to <u>Psalm 19 - Sons of Korah</u> or May the words of my mouth

**THEME:** The God Who Reveals. The main theme is that God reveals Himself to us through His creation and His Word, and that we should respond with awe, obedience, and praise.

AUTHOR: David

**TYPE:** A Hymn of Praise, and instruction.

**PROPHETIC & NT LINKS:** Psalm 19:4  $\rightarrow$  <u>Romans 10:18</u> **CONTENTS** - The Psalm has three main parts:

- Verses 1-6 describe how the heavens and the sky declare the glory of God and show His handiwork. They speak without words, but their message is heard throughout the earth. They also compare the sun to a bridegroom and a strong man, who rejoices in his course.
- Verses 7-11 extol the perfection, sureness, rightness, purity, and truthfulness of the law of the Lord, which revives the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoices the heart, and enlightens the eyes. The psalmist also values the law more than gold and honey, and finds it a source of warning and reward.
- Verses 12-14 express David's desire to be cleansed from his errors and hidden faults, and to be kept from presumptuous sins. He also prays that his words and thoughts may be acceptable to God, his Rock and Redeemer.

#### **COMMENT on Verses 7-11- A little bit of Hebrew and Greek**

These verses refer to the written five books of Moses, the 'Torah', with their 'laws, statutes, precepts, commands, and decrees'. God is acknowledged as imparting to the reader 'soul refreshment, wisdom, joy, enlightenment, and 'sweetness' '. This would have been understood by the Hebrews to have been imparted by God's '*Ruach*' or '*Ruach*' Adonai' – Spirit, or wind, of God.

In the New Testament, the Greek equivalent name given is *'Hagios Pneuma'* – Holy Spirit/Holy breath. The written or recorded Word is the *'Logos'* – Word. A *'Rhema'* word of God is a specific and timely message of divine revelation and authority that God speaks directly into our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit. The *'Logos' word* becomes the present tense *'Rhema'* word, when the Holy Spirit breathes it alive to us. Read <u>Matthew 4:4</u>, and <u>2 Timothy 3:16</u>

#### **QUESTIONS for the Cluster Group Leader to ask:**

- What specific aspects of God's creation are you most in awe of and why? What are some ways you hear and enjoy creation's "speech"?
- In what ways have you experienced the value of Scripture?
- Have you experienced the Living, *rhema* word of God, burning in your heart, mind and soul, as the Spirit turns a Scripture into a firebrand that ignites your understanding, or your path ahead? Search for that with all your might – it is beyond price!

GO: Commit to memorizing verse 14 this week:

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

OVERFLOW: <u>Romans 1:18-20</u>, <u>Daniel 12:3</u>, <u>Malachi 4:2</u>, <u>1 John 1:7</u>, <u>Proverbs 3:13-15</u>, <u>2 John 1:8</u>, <u>James 1:25</u>, <u>Acts 24:16</u>

# **PSALM 22 - Dec 3** \* Please read before Cluster Group



<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. <sup>3</sup> Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises.<sup>4</sup> In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. <sup>5</sup> To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." <sup>9</sup> Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on You; from my mother's womb You have been my God. <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. <sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. <sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup> All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. <sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. <sup>19</sup> But You, LORD (YAHWEH), do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.<sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power

of the dogs. <sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.<sup>22</sup> I will declare Your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise You. <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD (YAHWEH), praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honour Him! Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!<sup>24</sup> For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.<sup>25</sup> From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You I will fulfill my vows. <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD (YAHWEH) will praise Him may your hearts live forever!<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD (YAHWEH), and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD (YAHWEH) and He rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him - those who cannot keep themselves alive. <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the LORD (YAHWEH). <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim His righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

FIRST: Listen to Psalm 22 - My God, My God – Francesca LaRosa

**THEME:** The Suffering and Glory of Jesus Christ.

- His dying for the sheep

AUTHOR: David

**TYPE:** A Royal and individual Psalm of Lament. A Messianic Psalm. **PROPHETIC & NT LINKS:**  $22:1 \rightarrow Matthew 27:46$ ; Mark 15:34  $22:7 \rightarrow Matthew 27:39$ ; Mark 15:29; Luke 23:35  $22:8 \rightarrow Matthew 27:43$   $22:18 \rightarrow John 19:24$ ; compare Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34  $22:22 \rightarrow Hebrews 2:12$ 

## **CONTENTS:**

It's interesting to note that David had a regular zoo of opposition and enemies pressing him from all sides: many strong bulls, roaring lions, fierce dogs, horns of wild oxen ... and an encircling pack of villains, to boot. John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul appear to have been oppressed by their own menagerie as well – 'a generation of vipers' (Jesus), 'a brood of vipers' (John the Baptist), 'the poison of vipers' (Paul), and 'that fox Herod' (Jesus). The use of such imagery portrays evil opponents, usually under demonic influence.

The Psalm, read from our perspective, this side of the Cross (**CDR**), needs to be appreciated with a dual focus. The extremely testing circumstances David faced and how he dealt with them parallels and foreshadows, in a very prophetic way, Jesus' own horrific circumstances, sufferings and ultimate victory. Jesus specifically quotes Psalm 22:1 from the cross, which would have afterwards drawn the Believers to the other very striking prophetic parallels contained in this Psalm.

What are their shared elements?

- Feeling absolutely alone and forsaken
- Being scorned, despised, mocked, and insulted
- A knowledge of, and trust in, God the Father, for all of their existence
- Being encircled by strong enemies, intent on destroying them
- Being publicly shamed and dispossessed
- Being confident of future deliverance, victory, glorification, reward, remembrance, restored authority and reign

The **CDR** Believers would eventually have been also reminded of many other prophecies, concerning Jesus Christ, from the Torah , Psalms , and prophets. So many had been fulfilled to the letter!

And so, from the depths of confusion, despair and mourning, their faith and expectancy was rebirthed. They were graced with new understanding; a new indwelling and out-working Holy Spirit relationship; new assurance, forgiveness, intimacy and empowerment; new joy, peace and freedom; a newly realised destiny and mission; a new appreciation of the prophecies still to be fulfilled.

Jesus' resurrection, and their subsequent infilling by the Holy Spirit, birthed a new vitality and reality in prayer and worship, both personally and in community – that couldn't be contained by time, geography, race, gender, social, political or wealth limitations; 24/7 prayer, worship, celebration, intercession, acts of healing and miracles; and community penetration with the Good News of Christ crucified, dead, buried, resurrected, glorified, to return victoriously and imminently.

**Read** some of the following passages and pick out some other specific fulfillments of prophecies concerning Jesus' life, crucifixion, death, and resurrection (There are more than 300 Old Testament prophetic Scriptures completed in the life of Jesus Christ):

Zechariah <u>11:12-13</u>, <u>12:10</u>; Isaiah <u>7:14</u>, <u>53:5-12</u>; Micah <u>5:2</u> Psalm <u>16:10</u>, <u>22:16-18</u>, <u>34:20</u>, <u>69:21</u>, <u>72:10</u>

## The end of the matter - Verses 22-31:

DO: 'Declare Your name', 'Praise You in the assembly', 'Fear the LORD', 'Honour Him', 'Revere Him', 'Fulfill your vows', 'Eat and be satisfied', 'Seek

the LORD', 'Proclaim His righteousness', 'Declare "He has done it!" DON'T: 'despise or scorn the suffering of (Jesus)', 'hide your face from Him',

## **QUESTIONS:**

1. Have you grasped just how much Christ endured/paid for YOU?

2. Can you settle for anything less than a no-holds-barred faith?

**OVERFLOW** (with the focus on Prayer): John <u>12:27</u>, Hebrews <u>5:7</u>, Luke <u>22:41-46</u>, Luke <u>18:6-7</u>, 1 Thessalonians <u>3:10</u>, 1 Peter <u>5:8</u> NOTES: This booklet can be downloaded from the Resources section of the Church By The Bay website - <u>Psalms Resources</u> The hyperlinks throughout the downloaded digital booklet can be followed by using [Ctrl]+[Click], when the cursor is placed on the link. For example: <u>John 3:3</u> <u>"Refiner's Fire"</u>

#### Time Era Codes used in this booklet:

OC=Old Covenant of Law – 10 Commandments + Moses' rules NC=New Covenant of Faith and Grace CDR= Since Christ's Death & Resurrection HSP=Since the Holy Spirit was given to the Believer at Pentecost ETR=End-Times Revelation Separate to these, DBS=Discovery Bible Study method.

## A Study Aid for applying to each Psalm:

- 1. Is there a warning to heed?
- 2. Is there a promise to claim?
- 3. Is there a sin to forsake?
- 4. Is there a command to obey?
- 5. Is there a principle to apply?
- 6. Is there an example to follow?

Courtesy of 'The Word for Today' Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

#### **EXTRA RESOURCES:**

- Books on Prayer are available in the church foyer, to borrow.
- Refer to the QR Code on the Hand-out Bookmark.
- Church website, 'Resources' Psalm Resources Church by the Bay

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