

Part 3 – Melting Heart

In part 2 we learned a very important lesson... *from a worm*. But, it's no ordinary worm. The word 'worm' that David used in verse 6 is a *tola* worm. And this worm is a stunning 'type' (through nature) of Jesus Christ's self-sacrifice, and the blood He shed for us. For, the female *tola* worm attaches herself to a tree to lay her eggs, and stays there to protect them under her body till the larva hatch. And then she even nourishes their growth *with her own dying body*. And as she is dying to nourish and protect her 'babes', she excretes a crimson fluid (which is used to make dye) that stains (not only her own body) but the surrounding wood too. In like manner, so too did Jesus Christ's blood stain the cross He hung on while giving His own body for the life of God's children (whomsoever will believe upon Him). And this allowed the Holy Spirit to be given to us, which is what not only gives us spiritual life but continues to protect and nourish our soul. We also saw other Scriptures that David wrote (at the behest of the Holy Spirit) which were fulfilled (a *thousand* years later) during Jesus' crucifixion. He indeed was laughed to scorn as people openly mocked Him, shaking their heads in disgust and contempt. Some people even quoted (unwittingly) verse 8 directly. And we also saw David acknowledge that, despite how horrible he was feeling at the time of this writing, He knew that God had created him, put his soul in his mother's body and cared for him his entire life. This then is the thought we pick up with in this next study on the great Psalm 22...

Psalm 22

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

While we are not told what time in David's life this Psalm was written, it was apparently a very difficult time in his life. And so he asks God to not be far from him because trouble is near and there's no one else to help Him. This shows us that, while family and friends are great help many times in our life, sometimes they can't (or won't help us). So, truly, our Heavenly Father is the one we should 'lean on' the most (first and foremost) in life. As Ps 118:8-9 says: *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes*. Jeremiah points out this timeless truth as well...

*5 Thus saith the LORD; **Cursed be the man that trusteth in man**, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

*7 **Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD**, and whose hope the LORD is.*

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jer 17:5-8

Those who trust fully in flesh mankind to help them are foolish, for mankind is easily corruptible but our Heavenly Father is perfect (without sin and incapable of being corrupted). That's why

Jeremiah (like Psalms 1) likens those who trust in man to a plant that dries up in the wilderness, but those who trust in the Lord (YHVH) are likened to a tree planted by waters that continues to grow because it's got an eternal life source. When we trust in God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Deut 4:29) then we too have an eternal life source, because our God is the Creator of all things. He therefore has more power than any man and even more power than all the riches in the world can get you. As Ps 20:7 pointed out, *some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God*. Some people trust in their instruments of war to protect them but the wise trust in YHVH, the one and only true God, who is the only Living God - He has always existed and always will, which is what His name Yehovah (YHVH) means (#3068). As Ps 18:30 says, *As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him*. Ps 34:22 also tells us that *the LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate*. And Prov 11:28 also tells us that *he that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch*. Prov 16:20 further says that *whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he*. And Isaiah reminds us why...

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:
Isa 26:3-4

No amount of riches, fame, glory, or power can give us true peace of mind. Neither can any human being give us peace of mind. And they sure cannot our flesh body out of every trouble let alone save our soul (Mth 10:28). Only having a sincere relationship with our Creator can save our body and soul and He's also the only one who can give us true peace of mind (and heart); so it's vain to attempt to find 'happiness' any other way than seeking our Heavenly Father. And we seek Him through His Word, for that is the 'way' that He has given us to learn of Him (Mth 11:29, John 14:6). Jesus Himself knew this, which is why He prophesied to His disciples that they would all flee when He was arrested (because it was written in Zech 13:7) and even Peter denied Him three times (John 18:27). But, He knew He was not truly alone...

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:32-17:1

This is a good example for us because, like God did not ever leave (forsake) Jesus Christ (even when He was hanging on the cross) neither will He leave us... so long as we do not leave Him (Ps 18:25-26). And notice also how Jesus told us to 'be of good cheer' because He overcame the world (the worldly system that Satan runs, which is against God's ways). The word 'cheer' means to have *courage* (#2293) and we *should* have courage, even when we feel 'all alone' - even when our friends and family cannot (or will not) help us - because Jesus Christ can *always* help us. Indeed, people who struggle with depression (or other mental issues) cannot be helped

by others. We can *try* to help people overcome spiritual (mental) illnesses (by leading them to truth) but it's truly something that only Jesus Christ can truly help them with. *They* must come to God and *make peace with Him* - through sincere repentance, studying God's Word and developing a *sincere and intimate* relationship with Him. To reiterate: those of us who do truly believe in Jesus Christ, and do have a close relationship with Him, can (and should) lead people to God, through Jesus Christ - *but* it's truly up each individual to 'make a connection' with God, through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). And that's what David is doing here. Jesus understood this, as did the apostles, including Paul and many others who the Bible tells us had great faith in God (Heb 11). And they are our examples to follow in 'like faith'. So, if we serve God (Jesus Christ) we too must learn to 'lean' on Him, first and foremost, in our life because He is the *only one* that can save us, both physically and spiritually.

Psalm 22

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

David is using another analogy in this verse. This time, he's using bulls because they are one of the strongest animals there are. And the 'Bashan' bulls were renown in David's days for being the biggest (and strongest) bulls around. So, David is likening the people who were coming against him (those who were laughing him to scorn, mocking him, shaking their head at him, etc.) as to the strongest bulls there were at the time. Obviously, David felt quite outnumbered and quite weak at this point in time. His enemies were fiercely attacking him verbally and it was causing him great pain in his soul. And we all have times like this, simply because we're in a flesh body. But, as Ps 103:13-14 says: *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.* Our Heavenly Father (YHVH) remembers we are in flesh bodies (i.e. dust) and that's why He has pity on those who us who fear (revere) Him. But, He'll never leave us so long as we don't *leave Him* by apostatizing in rebellion against Him. As Samuel told Saul when he was rebelling against God...

*22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***

*23 For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*
1 Sam 15:22-23

Again, God will only reject (leave) us if we reject (leave) Him. He took His Holy Spirit away from Saul from that time forward and sought out a man who had a heart like unto His to rule His people - which was, of course, David (1 Sam 13:14, Acts 13:22). And God is *still* seeking (through Jesus Christ) people who have a heart like He does, for the purpose of helping Jesus Christ rule in the Millennium (Phil 2:5-13; Col 3:12-17; 2 Tim 1:7-10; 1 Pt 3:8-22, 4:1-21).

Psalm 22

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

David again uses figures of speech to explain something spiritual. The word ‘**gaped**’ here is a prim root that means **to rend or open**, especially the mouth (*patsah* #6475). So, David is likening what came out of people’s mouths to a ravening and roaring lion. The word ‘**ravening**’ means **to pull to pieces** (*taraph* #2963), which is what lions do to their pray after they catch them. And, of course, lions also roar - and their roars can reach up to 114 decibels - the same noise level as a chainsaw or a snowmobile! They do so to show their strength, to attract females, and when trying to ward off potential intruders and/or to protect their territory and their pride. Sometimes they’ll even roar as a way of talking with other lions (which kind of reminds one of how people brag to each other about how ‘great’ they are). So, David’s analogy is a good one to describe those who were backbiting, slandering, gossiping and even outright verbally attacking (as in reproaching) him. This analogy is used frequently in the Bible. Peter warns us to *be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*. And he therefore advises us to *resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world* (1 Peter 5:8-9). Prov 28:15 also says that, *as a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people*. Which is why the Lord (YHWH) also says to Ezekiel...

23 *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

24 *Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.*

25 *There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, **like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls**; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.*

26 ***Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.***

27 ***Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.*** (... sound familiar to what you see going on today?)

Ezek 22:23-27

Our Heavenly Father bluntly pointed out that the false prophets and priests acted like wolves and roaring lions, which is the same analogy David drew from. So likely, much of David’s opposition came from false prophets and priests (even other rulers lower to him) when he was king. Jesus also used similar analogies in places such as Matt 7:15-20 and Luke 11:37-44 to explain the way those who oppose our Heavenly Father are like. Essentially, their souls are full of ravening and wickedness because they are selfish and will stop at no evil to get what they want. Even though David implemented righteousness in his Kingdom (1 Chron 18:14) there were still some (many) people in the kingdom that did not want to follow God’s Ways (Laws) and gave him a pretty hard time about it at times.

Psalms 22

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. [John 19:34]

David now uses more analogies to explain his troubles. He said he was ‘poured out like water’, which likely refers to how drained David felt emotionally, and possibly even physically. In another Psalm of David (which recorded David’s prayer when he was hiding in a cave from an enemy, likely Saul) he said...

1 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

*2 I **poured out** my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.*

*3 When **my spirit was overwhelmed within me**, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.*

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Ps 142:1-7

In this Psalm, David explains what the analogy of pouring out to him meant: he poured out his soul to God *in prayer* because his spirit was overwhelmed from the troubles he was experiencing (vs 3). In Isa 26:16, this analogy is used also when it says: *LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, **they poured out a prayer** when thy chastening was upon them.* So, this is likely what David was saying here.

And David also says that all of his bones were out of joint. Now, David’s bones were *not* literally ALL out of joint; but when we are under extreme emotional (spiritual) distress, our physical body often suffers too, so perhaps he felt like they were. But, in Prov 25:19, we’re told that putting *confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint*. So, perhaps David’s faithful advisors and/or friends had betrayed him (which did happen) and that’s possibly why he was saying all his bones were out of joint. But again, it could simply be a figure of speech to explain his inner turmoil. And David *was* under great stress, which is why he then says that his heart ‘melted like wax’ and melted in the ‘midst of his bowels’ which means meaning ‘within him’. Our ‘heart’ (carnal mind) is where our emotions are and David was extremely emotionally upset here. Ps 68:2 also uses this analogy when saying that, *as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God*. Several other Scriptures use the analogy of one’s heart ‘melting’...

And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had

*dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over; that **their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.***
Josh 5:1

Here we see that the hearts of the Amorites ‘melted’ and there wasn’t any more ‘spirit’ in them when they heart Israel was ‘coming after them’ *because* they had heard of all the mighty works the Lord (YHVH) had done for His people, Israel. This simply means that they were so afraid of the Israelites (because of the things their God, YHVH, had done for them) that the Amorites lost the ‘spirit’ to fight out of extreme fear.

*And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore **the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.***
Josh 7:5

One of the few battles Joshua lost was when there was an ‘accursed thing’ in the camp, and God therefore did not give them the victory; and would not *until* they got rid of the ‘accursed thing’ among them, which they diligently did. God had commanded them not to take *any* spoils when they were taking the Promise Land because He did not want them to be seduced into worshiping false gods and idols of the heathen. He promised to bless them for their obedience *far more* than any of the spoils they would get from the heathen. Yet *one man*, named Achan, had taken a Babylon garment, silver and gold (Josh 7:21). So, God let them loose a battle. And because of this, the warriors of Israel’s hearts ‘melted as water’ which is a figure of speech that simply means they became so afraid that they lost the will to fight on. Ps 107:26 also uses this figure of speech when saying that *their soul is melted because of trouble*. And, through the prophet Ezekiel, God used this analogy too...

*19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.***

*20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, **and melt you.***

*21 Yea, I will gather you, and **blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.***

*22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have **poured out my fury upon you.***
Ezek 22:19-22

God uses the analogy of how extremely hot fire melts all metals to how His fury would melt the rebellious Judahites. [By the way, this is what will happen at Jesus’ return too]. And He does so because they had ‘all become dross’... the dross is the *useless junk* that *useful* metals are attached to in the ground. When metals are mined, the ‘dross’ comes with it and can’t be gotten rid of *until* the metals are burned in extremely hot fire and melted *so the dross can be separated*

from them. God is therefore likening the sinful Judahites (and other people who had mingled in with them) to ‘dross’... which is not at all a compliment and shows God’s contempt for their gross sins. He was essentially saying their souls were *useless* because they were so filthy. But these verses also show us how God promised to ‘clean up’ their nation and it was with *His great anger*. Meaning, He allowed them to be invaded, spoiled and taken captive to Babylon (and many of them were killed during this time too).

So, when David said his heart was ‘like wax’ and that it was ‘melted’ in the midst of his bowels, he was saying that his soul was near a ‘breaking point’ – he was so totally overwhelmed emotionally that he had lost the desire to fight and was calling out to God for help (time and time again) but felt like he was not getting an answer. As a righteous man of God, David did have a lot of troubles simply because there’s always a lot of unrighteous people who don’t like those who are loyal to the one and only true God. 2 Tim 3:12-13 warns us that *all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution* and this is because *evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived...* until Jesus Christ returns to ‘melt’ them with His fierce anger, *in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ* (2 Thess 1:8). This is when the ‘cup’ of God’s wrath is poured out on the ungodly at the ‘day of vengeance’.

So, this is what this verse (14) means regarding how David was feeling at this point in his life. But, these verses were also fulfilled in Jesus Christ in a very physical way. For when someone is crucified, their arms are stretched out so their hands can be nailed to the horizontal wood and their feet are then nailed to the vertical wood. This is who they get a person to say on the ‘cross’ made of wood. And they leave them there to die. So, when this happened to Jesus Christ (Mth 27:35, Mk 15:24-25, Lk 23:33, John 19:18) His bones were *literally* pulled out of joint, both from the stretching his arms out, but also from gravity taking its toll on His body as even His hip, and knee joints would be subjected to getting out of joint from this torturous process. Usually, people would die from suffocation, but this process took a long time – sometimes even *days*. But, the “Jews” who coerced Pilate into having Jesus Christ crucified were concerned about bodies being on the cross during the ‘holy day’ of Passover at night fall (for to do so would ‘defile’ the Passover, according to Deut 21:22-23). So, they asked Pilate for their legs be broken to ‘speed up’ the process of death. So, Pilate gave the order and the soldiers went and broke the legs of the two thieves that were crucified with Jesus. *But*, when they got to Jesus Christ, it looked like He was already dead so *they did not break His legs*. This in itself also fulfilled Scripture (Ps 34:20, Ex 12:46, Num 9:12); but it then caused them to fulfill Scripture yet again when *one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water* (John 19:34). Now, when the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side, they stuck that spear right into Jesus’ *heart* and the fact that blood and water came out together showed them that He was indeed already dead. Even if Jesus had been in perfect health before this, such a wound (the spear pierced in His side) would have been fatal. And, not only does this fulfil Scripture, but it also points to what Jesus died from - for the blood and water gushing out is evidence that Jesus died from blood loss and shock as fluid built up around His heart. What’s also quite interesting about

the blood and water gushing from Jesus' side is found in the account where Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane before He was arrested...

39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

*44 And **being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.***

Luke 22:39-44

Now, it is not natural for people to sweat blood. We use it today as a figure of speech but it's not truly normal. It only happens when someone is under *extreme* physical or emotional distress. The Gospel of Luke gives us great insight into the agony of Jesus' soul: as He prayed even more earnestly (sincerely), He began to sweat great drops of blood. This is a true medical condition, which is probably why the Gospel of Luke recorded it, for Luke was a medical doctor. Today this 'condition' of sweating blood is called several things: Hematohidrosis, hematidrosis, hemidrosis and hematidrosis. While the exact causes to us today are unknown (to man), the medical community does recognize that it's likely caused by extreme physical or emotional distress. What happens (they think) is that the sweat glands begin to excrete blood because the capillary blood vessels that supply blood to the sweat glands rupture, causing them to exude blood. So, when Isaiah 53 says that Jesus' soul was an offering for sin, and that Jesus poured out His soul to death, and that God was pleased when He saw the travail of Jesus' soul - we see how this was literally fulfilled in Jesus' agony shortly before He was delivered up. But, as we learned in John chapter 10, part 4 [review it here: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/163], Jesus' agony was not over concern for Himself. ***His agony was over the fate of God's children.***

Remember, the 'cup' that Jesus asked for God to 'pass' from Him is clearly defined in God's Word to be the 'cup of wrath' that Jesus is delegated to perform at His Second Advent [Learn more in the study on: **Jesus' Agony Over 'the Cup'** <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1215>]. Jesus wanted to know if there was any other way to fulfill the Scriptures than Him having to execute vengeance upon God's enemies... but there was no other way. Jesus did not mind dying for the sins of the world, for that was the purpose of His life. But He really wanted a different way than having to return in vengeance; that's what He wanted to avoid. All one has to do to understand this is to think about how difficult it is to chastise your own children – it's not fun, is it? Nope, but it *must* be done if you truly love your children. Prov 13:24 tells us that *he that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes*. God loves His children so much He refuses to withhold chastisement from them (Deut 8:5, Heb 12:5-11). Thus, tough love is true love. God *has* to punish the wicked *because He is righteous* (Ps 11:6-7). If He did not punish the wicked *then He would be complicit in it* (2 John 10-11) and *that's* something our Heavenly

Father *never* does. Therefore, Jesus will come back with vengeance (Deut 32:41-42; Isa 34:8, 35:4, 61:2, 63:4; 2 Thess 1:8; Heb 10:30; Jude 7).

Now, the point to remember for understanding why blood and water gushed so much out of His side when He was pierced is that: because of Jesus' extreme concern for God's children, He had already been sweating blood. When you think about someone being stabbed, one would expect to only see blood come out similar to a deep cut, just more of it. John obviously thought it was important to mention that, not only blood flowed from when the soldier speared Jesus, *but water as well*. And he was correct. *This small piece of information is very important*. So, where did this water come from? Well, we know where it would not have come from. We can logically deduce that it was not from the stomach of Jesus from drinking water because he was being tortured and hung on the cross for hours; Jesus was most likely dehydrated. There is also no reason to believe the stomach was punctured at all being the thrust of the soldier was up, under the ribcage of Jesus; that being said we know there is no water in lungs or any other organs. What we do know is that when blood sits, the red blood cells naturally separate from the plasma which looks like water and would give the appearance of blood and water flowing, as John stated. So, *where was this blood and water able to sit?* **The heart, which is what the soldier punctured when he speared Jesus.** There is a membrane that surrounds the heart called the pericardial sac. When a heart ruptures, blood leaks from the heart and fills the pericardial sac and while it sits blood will separate from the plasma. Jesus did not die of suffocation, but of a 'broken heart'. This too was prophesied...

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.
Ps 69:20

And Psalms 34, which prophesied Jesus' legs would not be broken, also says...

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Ps 34:18-22

God is close to them that are of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Indeed, Jesus was so upset about the possibility of God's children having to die that He not only sweated blood but His heart ruptured ('broke') from the extreme emotional pain He was in. Many people don't think of the kind of emotions that come from having to pour out the 'cup of wrath' upon God's children but Jesus did. Thankfully, God gave Him the Millennium (Rev 20) after that cup is poured out but

the cup must first be poured out, for *that is God's will* (Isa 63:4, Zeph 3:8). So, indeed, well did Isaiah prophesy...

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:4

The point is: Jesus loves you (all of God's children) so much that He accepted the responsibility that God gave Him. And while some say God left Jesus because He 'took on' our sin, the truth is God *never* left Jesus, as we learned in an earlier study in Ps 22:1 - Jesus was simply teaching this Psalm as He was on the cross – not accusing God of forsaking Him. But, truly, our sin does pain God a lot. And He *hates* having to punish us for it. ***But, the fact that Jesus' physical heart literally ruptured shows just how much we truly do pain our Heavily Father when we sin. And it also shows how much Satan's rebellion*** (in the first earth age, which is ongoing in this earth age) hurts Him. Ps 51:17 says: ***the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Yes, our sins do 'break God's heart' and Jesus felt this pain, deeply.*** So deeply His flesh heart ruptured and that's why so much 'blood and water' flowed out of His side when He was pierced, *upward, into His heart*.

Can you see what God showed us through Jesus' death? ***Our participation in Satan's rebellion hurts Him so much that His physical death showed us what HE feels like spiritually.*** And thus, ***He not only showed us how much He loves us by dying for us*** (for there is no greater love, John 15:13) ***but He also shows us what He has to put up with*** (the immense spiritual pain) ***during His plan to save His children.*** So, Jesus' suffering and dying for us was a physical manifestation of God's love for us, but it also shows us what He feels like when we sin against Him. *That's* why, Jesus did not take vengeance at His First Advent. He not only had to pay for our sins, but He also needed to show (prove to) us *how much God really loves* and also how He feels when we sin (rebel) against Him. And ***He went through brutal treatment (torture) all to try and get us to repent and turn back to Him.*** [To learn more about this, check out chapter 19 in the book of John: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/320].

So indeed, just as David was in so much pain when writing this Psalm, so too was Jesus in much spiritual (and physical) pain when dying on the cross for our sins. But His internal pain was not for himself (as David's was), it for God's children...

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Rom 11:33

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:7-9

*9 For, as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.***

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Cor 2:9-10)

We'll pick this up in part 4...

AMEN.