

Part 5 – To Declare His Name

In part 4 we learned of more Scriptures that David penned that were fulfilled at Jesus' crucifixion. David was feeling so stressed and emotionally upset in his life that he felt so drained he likened it to his soul being poured out like water and his bones out of joint. Yet, Jesus literally had his joints pulled out of joint as His arms were stretched out to be nailed to the cross. And gravity would have also caused his knee and hip joints to also be sucked out of joint simply from hanging on the cross for hours. And, just as David felt like his soul was poured out like water, in like manner were Jesus' fluids literally poured out like water when the soldiers pierced His side, causing blood and water (from His broken heart) to be poured out. And David also said his heart felt like was that was melted. In like manner, Jesus' heart was literally broken from the pain He had at the thought of God's children having to be 'blotted out of existence', which again is why water also came out with blood when He was pierced on His side; His physical heart had literally ruptured due to His internal pain for God's children (which is also why He was 'sweating blood' as He prayed to His Father shortly before He was crucified). David went on to say that his strength was dried up like pottery is dried in an oven and his tongue even cleaved to his jaws (sides of his mouth). He felt like he was nearing death because of his inner turmoil. Yet, Jesus' physical strength really was drying up from being tortured and crucified and he was doubtlessly thirsty from being deprived of water for hours. Yet, He never asked for a drink of water *except* when He was about to die, and that was to fulfill Scripture.

David went on to write that the 'dog's (wicked people) had surrounded him so much he felt like they would pierce even his hands and feet just like lion's tear at their prey; yet Jesus' hands and feet were literally pierced when He was crucified, as was His side. David continued on to say they (the wicked people attacking him) parted his garments among them and cast lots upon his vesture (outer garment). And this literally happened to Jesus Christ by the Roman soldiers. So, there were many Scriptures that David wrote about here concerning his own life, and the feelings he had at this very low point in time; but the Holy Spirit used them to prophesy of things that would happen to Jesus Christ a *thousand* years later. This should give us *great* assurance in our faith, for it truly proves Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and the Messiah, that God promised He would send to save Israel (and the world) from their sins. We also learned the importance of praising and thanking God in our prayers, even when we're pouring our heart out to Him, as David was doing. For 'counting our blessings' helps us to keep our mind and heart focus on *reality* and not all the 'bad news' that the world wants us to get depressed with; because Satan wants us to lose focus on serving God and loving Him sincerely (so we stop believing in Him and apostatize to Satan's rebellion). So, we must learn to discipline our heart and mind to remember God's 'past record' of always protecting and strengthening those who love and serve Him. This is why remembering to thank God and 'count our blessings' is so ever important in the spiritual battle.

So, we'll now move on to learn more about what David was going through in this very low point in his life. But we're not done with seeing Scriptures that were fulfilled by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's crucifixion either...

Psalm 22

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

David now asks God (again) to deliver him and this time from the ‘sword’, which he then explains to be the ‘power of the dog’. Remember that a ‘dog’ back in those days was a derogatory term for those who think and act ‘like animals’ (i.e. carnally), which are wicked people who have no regards or compassion for their fellow mankind (vs 16). And while the sword David could have been asking for deliverance from could have been physical, it was more than likely spiritual, simply due to what he has been writing about in this Psalm. Over and over again David describes the way that wicked people have been verbally attacking and ‘shredding him to pieces’ his character, even though he was truly was much more righteous than most people in those days, because David stayed loyal to the one and only *true* God (YHWH). So, the word ‘sword’ can, an is, used in the Scriptures to explain spiritual things. For example, our ‘sword’ in the Gospel armor is the Word of God (Eph 6:17), which is also Jesus Christ’s sword (Rev 2:16, 19:15,21). But the wicked also have a sword. Ps 37:14 tells us that *the wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation*. However, verse 15 tells us that *their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken*.

So, their ‘sword’ (which they used against David so much, and *still* use against God’s faithful servants today) is not nearly as strong as ours is, because lies simply cannot stand up against *the truth*. Ps 42:10 also explains the wicked people’s sword when it says that: *As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?* This verse clearly explains that the wicked people’s ‘sword’ is their mouth, just as the righteous have a ‘sword’ of their mouth – but the wicked use lies instead of the truth, to ‘reproach’ those who do what’s right. And that’s because they *can’t stand* the truth *because* it exposes their lies (John 3:19-21). And David uses this analogy again, in Ps 57:5, when he said: *My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and **their tongue a sharp sword***. And in Ps 64:3, David is very blunt when he says the wicked *whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words*. And this is why, in Matt 10:34, Jesus said: *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword*. Jesus has given us His sword (the Word of God and the Holy Spirit) to use to fight against the sword of the wicked (lies). So, thank God, we are not left defenseless! And even though the Word of God (the sword) is our only *offensive* weapon we have to fight with (Eph 6), Heb 4:12 tells us this is all we need ,when it says that the *word of God is quick [makes alive], and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*. So, again we’re not left without an offensive weapon and ours is much more powerful than any of the lies the wicked use against us... we have only to learn how to *use it*.

Now, the word ‘darling’, here in Psalms 22:20, could also be rendered as ‘beloved’ (#3173). And those of us who do love and serve God (through Jesus Christ) do regard our Heavenly Father as our ‘beloved One’ because *He is so dear to us*. Not only has He given us life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, but He also gives us so many other blessings: protection, prosperity, truth, understanding, wisdom, internal strength to cleanse and change from our sins, and so forth. But the word ‘darling’ can also mean ‘united’ and even ‘life’ (#3173). And this is because our ‘darling One’ (Jesus Christ) is the One who unites us back to our Heavenly Father. And He is also the one that ‘knits’ our hearts together, in love for our Father, and helps us to understand the Word of God (Col 2:2-3) so that all the Body of Christ can get the spiritual nourishment they need to increase in faith and maturity (Col 2:19). Therefore, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit do indeed deliver our soul from the ‘power of the dog’ (the wicked people) and their ‘sword’ (lies). So, even when we are being persecuted like David was (and all who are godly will be – 2 Tim 3:12) we don’t have to fret, or be depressed, for we have protection from it through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – because He is our defense when we learn to use the Gospel armor He’s given us (Eph 6:10-18; 2 Cor 6:6-7; Ps 115:1; Ps 132:9; Isa 59:17; Isa 61:10; Eph 4:24; Eph 5:9; 1 Tim 6:11-12; Rev 19:8).

Psalms 22

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

David again calls God for help and uses more analogies to explain the troubles he’s having. The lion here is referring back to verse 16, where David said they were ‘piercing his hands and feet’, meaning the wicked people were shredding his character like a lion breaks up its prey’s bones, even their paws. And, as we learned when covering verse 16, this analogy is used frequently in the Scriptures. In Ps 7:2, David said (when asking God again for deliverance from the wicked ones) *lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver*. And in Ps 10:9 David again said (speaking of the wicked) that, *he lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net*. And again, in Ps 17:12 David said the wicked were *like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places*. This phrase is so common in the Old Testament; even Lam 3:10 says (of the wicked): *he was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places*. And Peter warns us also, in 1 Peter 5:8, *to be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*. And in Revelations, we’re warned that the beast (governing system) that Satan brings in to govern the world with is *as a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority* (Rev 13:2). So, the way a lion rips and tears and breaks the bones of its prey is definitely likened to how wicked people spiritually rip and tear and people (with their words) to cause their righteous character to be ‘torn to pieces’ *and also* to try and kill them *spiritually* by causing them to fall to sin and deception. Thankfully, God has promised to deliver us from this (just as He delivered David time and time again). For a couple examples, consider what He said in Isaiah...

*4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, **Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey**, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, **he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.***

Isa 31:4

Even though the false prophets (even Satan himself and his fallen angels) will be fighting against Jesus Christ (and His faithful servants), Jesus Christ won't let this detour Him from returning. Jesus Christ won't be afraid of their lies or wicked accusations (He was not even at His First Advent) but He'll return and fight against them – *and He will win!* And this is why Isaiah also promises...

*9 **No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:***

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isa 35:9-10

While the 'lion' and 'ravenous beast' are referring to wicked people, Isaiah 11 does tell us that when the Lord returns, the animals won't be carnivores anymore; so indeed this will be fulfilled even in every sense. Which is why *ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads*. Yet, we don't have to wait for Jesus' return to get help from the Lord (YHVH and Jesus Christ). For, just as He delivered David and Paul from the 'mouth of the lion' (2 Tim 4:17), so too will He do for us *because* He gives those who love and serve Him protection now. And He'll continue to protect us, even when Satan is ruling the earth with his system that's so very wicked it's likened to a beast (Rev 13). And of course, Jesus will finishing saving us from Satan, and his wicked government, when He returns to take over all the world, and all that's in heaven.

Now, David uses yet another analogy in this verse 21 of Psalms 22. David said that God heard (and answered) him *from the horns of the unicorns*, which is yet another analogy (figure of speech) that refers to the 'bulls of Bashan' that he spoke of back in verse 12. Why this word was translated as 'unicorns' is anyone's guess because *they don't exist*. The word in the Hebrew actually means *a wild bull* (#7214). And again, David is referring back to the bulls of Bashan, which were the strongest bulls in that day. As David also describes it in Ps 10:7, *their mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity*. So, he is again speaking of his fierce adversaries who would not stop using their mouths for evil. And even though they think no one can stop their wicked tongue (sword, Ps 12:4), we are promised that *the LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things* (Ps 12:3). Indeed, even of Satan we're told that the Lord, Jesus Christ will *consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming* (2 Thess 2:8). So, their 'sword' is no match at all for the "sword" of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Psalm 22

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Now, this verse through the end of the chapter will speak of Messiah's glory, which is obviously in a different 'dispensation' than that of David's time, and even future to us as well (as the *Companion Bible* points out in its notes; see also apx. 72). As such, even though they are thoughts of David praising God and the coming Messiah, they also prophesy of Jesus Christ (as much of this Psalm already has done). From David's perspective, he now begins to turn his mind away from his great sufferings (which is a good thing) and remember his faith in the Lord (YHVH), for God truly delivered him from all His enemies (as Psalms 18 pointed out). Therefore, he begins to praise the Lord (YHVH) for delivering him from his fierce adversaries. And he promises to declare God's Holy name to his brethren (those of his nation) and will even praise God to those in the 'congregation' which means an 'assemblage' (#6951), or the multitude of people, even those in the religious sectors and the government. The man who wrote Psalms 119 (likely king Hezekiah) even promised God that he would *speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed* (Ps 119:46). The purpose, of course, is to share the knowledge of God and His Messiah, Jesus Christ. So, we all have a duty to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and praise His name to those we are around. And this doesn't mean we have to literally go around shouting praises all the time. It simply means planting seeds when an opportunity comes along. And truly, the best way to praise and glorify God is to simply obey God's Word, and His Holy Spirit, so people can *see* (through our life, Mth 5:16) *why* following the one and only true God (and His Son, Jesus) is so wonderful (its life changing and life giving).

So, how did Jesus declare God's Holy Name (YHVH) to His brethren (the Israelites) and the midst of the congregation praise Him? Truly, Jesus' entire life did this for He never sinned once (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5). All that He did and said 'declared' God's Holy name in that He showed people what God is truly like (i.e. holy and righteous in all His ways and works, Ps 145:17). And, of course, through His teachings, He taught the people what God truly wants (our sincere love and obedience, *from the heart*, not just 'play acting'). Now, John 1 tells us that the 'Word' was in the beginning with God and the Word *was God*. All things were made by Him and nothing was made without Him. And in Him (the Word) was life and He is thus the light of men (vs 1-4). Verse 14 then goes on to say that, ***the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us***, (*and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father;*) *full of grace and truth*. Therefore, ***Jesus Christ is the living Word***. All His thoughts, desires, actions and words are an *exact image* of our Heavenly Father, as was His flesh body (Heb 1:3). So, in all that He did, and all that He was, Jesus Christ truly did 'declare God's name' to the world - because people could actually see how God looks, acts like and how He speaks, *through Jesus Christ*. And they could even glean how God *thinks* through Jesus' teachings. Thank God we have a written record of Jesus' life so we too can learn about 'God's Name' (His character) from the life of Jesus Christ. Now, the Psalms also prophesied of God's name being declared in Ps 118:26: *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD*. Jesus quoted this directly in Mth 23:39 and Lk 13:35. But there were also times Jesus did

speaking *specifically* of God's name and character. The Gospel of John is especially good at pointing this out. And we should understand, this was prophesied of even before David...

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Deut 18:15-19

Because the children of Israel were so scared of God's glory when He appeared to them on the mount (in a devouring fire, Ex 19-20, 24:17) when giving them His righteous laws, they withdrew themselves and asked Moses to speak to God for them. So, shortly before Moses died, God told him that He would raise up a Prophet (Jesus Christ) who would be an intercessor between Israel and Him. Indeed, Jesus Christ *lives forever* making intercession for Israel *and* anyone else (of any race or gender) who come to Him in faith (Rom 8:26-27, 4; Heb 7:25). As such, when Jesus Christ was on the earth, He said...

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

*17 But Jesus answered them, **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.***

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

*19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.***

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

*22 For the Father judgeth no man, but **hath committed all judgment unto the Son:***

*23 That **all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.** He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.*

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:16-24

When the hypocritical religious “Jews” got after Jesus for healing (which they called ‘working’) on the Sabbath day, Jesus simply responded that His Father worked on the Sabbath and He therefore did likewise (vs 17). However, this just angered them more because they didn’t realize that Jesus truly was begotten by the Holy Spirit of God. So, Jesus went on to explain that without the Father, He couldn’t do anything Himself (He did not selfishly follow His carnal inclinations, which is why He was without sin). Instead, He did *what He saw His Father do*. And in John 12:49, He even said: ***I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*** So, Jesus not only did what God told Him to, but He also said what His Father told Him to say. From this we know that Jesus’ life (the many miracles, etc) and His teachings are directly from our Heavenly Father, YHVH. This is why He explained to them (in John 6) that unless they accepted Him as the Messiah and absorbed His Words into their heart and mind, they could not have eternal life (vs 63). However, because He used a figure of speech to explain this (eating His body and drinking His flesh) it went right over their heads... even though ‘eating and drinking’ in words of wisdom was a *very* common figure of speech (idiom) at that time. So, He was simply teaching them that His doctrine **is** from God and *not* His own made up doctrine. He even said this much in John 7:16. And in chapter 5 of John, Jesus told them...

*39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.***

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

*43 **I am come in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

*46 For **had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.** [Deut 18]*

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 5:39-47

Indeed, the reason so many did not believe Jesus was the Son of God, the promised Messiah (the Christ) is because they were truly ignorant of the Scriptures. That’s why the ‘doctrine’ that Jesus brought them (which is the Word of God) sounded so foreign to them. They were so used to the ‘traditions of the elders’ (in which the hypocritical and heart hearted religious leaders trusted) that *the truth sounded odd to them*. God’s Word was even so foreign to the religious leaders that they actually condemned Jesus Christ for *healing people* (something they could not do) on the Sabbath day; because they claimed He was ‘working’ when He was really helping people. As Jesus pointed out Lk 6:9, it’s not a sin to help people (do good for them) on any day of the week. And, as He also pointed out in John 8:19, if they had known His Father (YHVH), they would have known Him (i.e. they would have known He was the Messiah and not condemned Him for

doing good things on any day of the week). And in verse 38 He pointed out that He only spoke that which He ‘seen’ (and heard) from His Father, **but** they did that which they saw (learned) of their father (who was the devil, as He also explained in this same chapter), which were based the ‘traditions’ of the elders (a very perverted form of the law of Moses). And Jesus also pointed out how sinful and hypocritical these ‘traditions’ were in Mth 15 and Mk 7. Further, in John 10:30, Jesus also clearly said: *I and my Father are one*. Jesus was literally one and the same as God, for He was God incarnated into a flesh body (Heb 1:3, Col 1:15, 2:19, John 1, etc.). Therefore, He thought and acted *just like our Heavenly Father*. They were one in Spirit and thus had the same goals, the same mindset and the same desires. If we’re a part of Jesus’ Body (the Body of Christ) *we too should put on this same mindset* (Phil 2:5-8, 1 Pt 3:8, 4:1, 1 Cor 2:16, Heb 8:10). And in John 14 Jesus also said...

5 *Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*

6 *Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

7 *If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

8 *Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

9 *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

10 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? **the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.***

11 *Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

John 14:5-11

Jesus told Phillip that when he was looking at Jesus Christ, *He was looking at the Father* (our Heavenly Father and Jesus’ literal Father). Again, *they were one in the same*, for the Word (which is God) was made flesh (John 1:1, 14). So, again, this documents that Jesus’ doctrine was the same of His Father, as were His works. Remember, Jesus healed *every single* diseased and deformed person who came to Him, and He also cast out *all* evil spirits from those who came to Him *in faith*. **His Works proved that He was no mere man**, for no flesh man could do the miracles He did. They were truly a ‘witness’ for Jesus Christ all by themselves (John 14:11). But God Himself also testified that Jesus was His Son, a couple of times, to multitudes of people. When Jesus was baptized *a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased* (Luke 3:22) and that was along with the *Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him*. And later...

28 *Father, **glorify thy name.** Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, **I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.***

29 *The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.*

30 Jesus answered and said, *This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.*
31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.
John 12:28-33

And, later when Jesus was praying to the Father, shortly before His death, He said...

1 *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father; the hour is come; **glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:***
2 *As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*
3 *And **this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.***
4 ***I have glorified thee on the earth:** I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*
5 *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*
6 ***I have manifested thy name unto the men** which thou gavest me out of the world: *thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*
7 *Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.*
8 ***For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;** and they have received them, *and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.*
9 *I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*
10 *And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.*
John 17:1-10**

In this prayer, Jesus tells us, again, that He did glorify God while He was on earth. ***He did manifest God's holy Name to His brethren*** and He did give God's Word (the truth) to them. And His apostles received the truth; they understood that Jesus Christ was God's only begotten Son and was the promised Messiah (Mth 16:16, Mk 8:9, John 11:27). So again, God glorified His name *through Jesus Christ*. And Jesus Christ did also declare God's name to His brethren (Israel) as well as to the multitudes of people who observed Him, heard Him speak, and saw the miracles He did - just as this Psalms 22:22 says. But, further to this, Paul quoted this 22nd verse of Psalms 22 in the book of Hebrews. Let's take a look at it to see why...

9 *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*
10 *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*
11 *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. [2 Sam 22:3, Isa 8:18]

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 2:9-18

Paul explains that Jesus was made ‘lower than the angels’ because He came to earth in a *flesh body*. But He did this for several important reasons, and one of those reasons was to *declare God’s Name to the brethren and give praise to Him* in the midst of the ‘church’ or ‘congregation’ as it is rendered here in Psalms 22:22. Another important reason is so He could destroy the power of him that has power over death, who is the Devil (Satan). And also, so He could be a merciful and faithful High priest and help us who are tempted because, as Mth 4 and Luke 4 tell us, Jesus was also tempted of the Devil but overcame it with ‘flying colors’ - meaning He *never once sinned*. And so, as Rom 8:26-27, 37 and Heb 7:25 tell us, Jesus Christ is now in heaven, interceding for us (as our High Priest forevermore). And because He gives us His Holy Spirit when we sincerely believe upon Him – and study His Word faithfully – He still ‘declares’ God’s Holy Name (characteristics and His ‘ways’) to us. ***For the Holy Spirit helps us to understand who God is*** [i.e. His ‘name’ and His character] ***and what He wants (and does not want) from us, when we study His Word***. He also gives us the strength to crucify our carnal mind and learn how to obey God sincerely, from the heart. And this is what God has wanted all along, as Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10 and 10:18 declare - He wants His Words ‘written’ in our heart and mind so we will *know* His Will and *want* to obey Him. That is what saves us, after all, as Romans 8 also candidly explains. Simply put, ***we cannot be saved from our sins, nor the power of the devil*** (lies and deception) ***if we don’t know who God truly is or His means of salvation through Jesus Christ*** (John 17:3). And that’s why it was so important for Jesus Christ to come to earth and, not only die for our sins, but to declare who God really is to us. Therefore, it’s also our duty to *share* the Gospel with others (as the opportunities arise, Eph 5:15-16, Col 4:5-6) so other also have the opportunity to learn who God really is, repent and return back to God *through faith* in Jesus Christ and the knowledge His Word gives us. Paul also sums it up rather well in the third chapter of Romans...

21 *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; [i.e. even the law and the prophets testified of how we are justified by Jesus Christ when we have faith in Him]*

22 *Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** [Rom 8:1-4] unto all and upon all them that believe [i.e. the Holy Spirit is the ‘righteousness of God’ and it’s given to **all** who believe upon Jesus Christ]: for there is no difference: [regardless of race, gender, being circumcised, ect. - all who believe upon Jesus Christ are given the Holy Spirit, which is God’s righteousness]*

23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; [none of us deserve the Holy Spirit]*

24 *Being **justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**: [we’re given the Holy Spirit by grace, when we believe in Jesus Christ, because His blood justifies us with God because His blood atones for our sins]*

25 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation [payment for our sins] **through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past** [not future], **through the forbearance of God**; [God’s righteousness is manifested by the fact that He graciously forgives us our sins when we believe Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah; and that He was without sin and died for our sins.]*

26 ***To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**. [Jesus and His Holy Spirit declare God’s righteous to us as we study His Word to learn of Him, Mth 11:29]*

Rom 3:21-26

So, we are indeed ‘justified’ in God’s sight by our faith in Jesus Christ. For, when we believe in Jesus Christ, we’ll study Gods Word *to learn about our Heavenly Father* (what He wants from us as well as what He does *not* want from us and to learn about His righteous ways) and seek to please Him - not living our lives anymore for selfish lusts, pride and other sins that drag our soul down to ‘hell’ (spiritual death). So, this one little verse in Psalms 22:22 truly is very important. For, if we don’t know who God is (and who His true Savior really is) we won’t be able to worship **Him**... and *that’s* how far too many people will seduced into worshiping Satan when he’s on earth...

13 *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

14 *As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

15 *But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy** in all manner of conversation;*

16 *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.***

14 ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

*17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:13-18

We'll pick this up in part 6...

AMEN.