

Visions of Christ
Psalms 91 and 22
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Main Idea: Messianic Psalms produce prophetic visions of Jesus' ministry and sacrifice on the cross.

Introduction

Many of us are surprised at some of the terms our lives take. Sometimes trials come that we were not prepared to deal with. But while we may be surprised, God is never surprised. He knows what is going to happen and prepares us for those things. Challenges in life are always foreseen by God. Throughout the Old Testament God knew that he would have to send Jesus to save us from sin. He knew that Jesus would have a ministry and sacrifice that would help us to be conformed to his image.

Psalms 91 and 22 demonstrates we call messy onyx Psalms. These are prophetic visions and images of Christ before he arrived on the planet Earth. In our first Psalm we see that God supernaturally protects Jesus until the time of his sacrifice. He would even send angels to save Jesus from danger. In Psalm 22, we find images of Jesus on the cross and those around him reacting to his sacrifice. Let's take a look at how God foresees and calls the shots before the future happened.

Psalm 91:11–12

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. **12** On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

- I.** Psalm 91 demonstrates God's protective care over Christ (Psalm 91).
 - A God protects all of his servants.
 - B God especially protects his Anointed One.

Psalm 22:6–8

6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; **8** "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

- II.** Psalm 22 demonstrates Christ's trust in God's presence (Psalm 22:6-8).
 - A Deadly danger surrounds Christ and threatens his life.
 - B Despite danger and death Jesus trust in God.

Psalm 22:14–18

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; **15** my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. **16** For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— **17** I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; **18** they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

III. Psalm 22 prophetically sees Christ on the cross (Psalm 22:14-18).

A The Psalmist sees Christ's afflicted body.

B The Psalmist sees Christ's enemies.

Conclusion

These Psalms had demonstrated to us that God is our protector and that he knows what we are going to have to suffer through our lifetimes for him. As servants of Jesus we can be sure that he will protect and guide us throughout every challenge that we face. Until God is finished using us on this planet he will protect and keep us. God knows the struggles we face and he is not far off. Even in the midst of pain and trial Jesus would cry out to God and God was here his son. God knows what is coming down the pike and though it may surprise us he is not taken back by it. He trusts in his work put into us throughout the years that we will come out victorious in each trial.