

**Psalm 22:1-31**  
**FORSAKEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:**  
**The Doctrine of Salvation**  
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**Introduction:**

1. How is it that we can be forsaken but not forgotten by God?
2. Illustration of learning to ride a bicycle.

**The Pain of Being Forsaken (v.1-21)**

*"True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; ... by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seat of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived; and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair" (W.C.F., XVIII; IV).*

1. God forsaking us:
  - a. verses 1,2: cf. Heb.12:5-9; Isa. 59:1,2
  - b. verses 6-8: "feeling like a worm".
  - c. verses 11-18: stripped bare before the world.
2. God faithful to Us.
  - a. verses 3-5: God is faithful to our covenant fathers.
  - b. verses 9-10: God is faithful to us personally.
  - c. verses 19-21: Faithfulness in the midst of pain.

**The Praise of Never Forgotten (v.22-31)**

1. The Proclamation of Praise (v.22,23).
2. The Premise of Praise (v.24).
3. The Production of Praise (v.25).
4. The People of Praise (v.26-31).

**The Passion of Christ (v.1,7, 8,16,18,22)**

1. Compare v.1 with Mark 15:34.
2. Compare v.7,8 with Matt. 27:29,43.
3. Compare v.16 with John 20:25
4. Compare v.18 with John 19:23,24; Matt.27:35.
5. Compare v. 22 with Heb. 2:9-13.