

The Tipping Point

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Psalm 22:24-31

Psalm 22 begins with God's servant feeling forsaken and ends with an expansive vision—a time when "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD" (Psalm 22:27). That vision has yet to be fulfilled. What was the source of David's confident hope? A clue can be found in the structure of the Psalm itself.

We often think of poetry as words arranged in a pattern of measured syllables and rhyme. Hebrew poetry is typically structured by patterns of thought and imagery. Psalm 22 balances like a fulcrum. The tipping point is between verses 21 and 22. It is there that David's attitude is transformed. For 21 verses he cries for deliverance, yet in the last ten verses David turns to praise. In verses 20 and 21 David cries "deliver me," "rescue me," and "save me." However, when we reach verse 31 David is ready to declare, "He has done it! God has not scorned his afflicted one. God sees, hears, and responds."

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