

The Persistence of Mercy

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Psalm 22:1-11

It is difficult on this side of the cross to read Psalm 22 and not think of Jesusâ?? suffering. Yet, the psalm itself was set against the background of Davidâ??s experience of being under a sentence of death and ruthlessly pursued by King Saul, who was half mad with jealous fear. Suffering can become like an impenetrable shroud, blocking even the vision of Godâ??s presence. It is no wonder both David and Jesus joined in the cry, â??My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?â?• (Psalm 22:1; Mark 15:34).

Nevertheless, even when spiritual vision is blind to Godâ??s loving presence, memory remains: â??In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered themâ?• (Psalm 22:4). David could not forget the stories he had learned in Jesseâ??s tentâ??stories about Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Barak, and Gideon. God had proven faithful, even in the darkest of hours, and He would again.

Christ in greatest agony could recall Godâ??s constant faithfulness and, in the end, exclaim, â??Father, into your hands I commit my spiritâ?• (Luke 23:46).

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