

Outline of Psalm 22

- I. Cry for Help (1-2).
- II. Lament (3-5).
 - A. You are holy and faithful (3-5).
 - B. I am despised (6).
 - C. They ridicule me (7-8).
- III. Confession of Trust (9-10).
- IV. Petition (11-21).
 - A. Hear (11-18)!
 - B. Save (19-21)!
- V. Vow of Promise (22-31).
 - A. Through praising God (22-24).
 - B. Through hosting a feast (25-31).

Argument

I. Cry. David begins by voicing his despair in a cry for help (1-2). He feels like God has deserted him. Thus he lets his emotion out to God. He tells God that he has no rest, because he does not notice God answering his prayers.

II. Lament. He then voices his lament (3-5). Instead of beginning with himself, he speaks of his view of God in reference to his situation. He affirms that God is holy and faithful (3-5). Next he states his own circumstance. He depicts himself as a worm, despised by the people (6). He then describes his oppressors who ridicule him (7-8). They jest at him to commit himself to Yahweh. Thus David laments the fact that God has not delivered him from his ridiculers, even though he has asked Him to.

III. Confession. Although David does not see deliverance coming, he affirms that God is able to bring it about. This is his confession of trust (9-10). He bases his trust on the fact that he has faithfully trusted God from his birth. God has shown Himself trustworthy to David since birth.