

Additional material to Session 13 *(from my personal notes on the study of the Psalm by Ben Asen, St. Louis University on the Wintry and Summery Spirituality of the Lament Psalms)*

Psalm 22

In all of the laments – the most important and powerful is Psalm 22. It is the lament per excellence.

In the Gospels it is picked up repeatedly especially in quotations at Jesus death and resurrection. Most important use of the Psalm we find in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34.

In Jesus's wintry time – in his cry of God's distance and absents. But in contrary to the other lament psalms, Ps 33 has no imprecation, no cursing of the enemies. It is the cry of the righteous Jew and the hope of God's indication without asking God what happens to me.

Christian theology, especially in the West is understood as the work of Jesus death as overcoming human sin.

Another element – a deeper meaning of incarnation – is human suffering. It is God's way of overcoming human suffering.

Metz, a German Theologian, said: "In our time it is suffering that brings us in solidarity to every one.

Jesus acted to deliver people around him of the situation of winder in his healing and forgiving sin ministry.

Explication indicates that Jesus took up and entered into suffering. He died for human hurt as well for human sin.

Resurrection tells us that God does not like suffering but that God overcomes it. God goes through it with us. All the price of pain has broken through the winter into the heart of God.

Psalm 22 and New Testament Scriptures:

"My God, my God, why..."

New Testament	Psalm 22
Mark 15:29; Matthew 27:39	Verse 8
John 19:28	Verse 16
Mark 15:24; Matthew 27:35; Luke 23:34; John 19:24	Verse 19
2 Timothy 4:17	Verse 22
Hebrew 2:10-12	Verse 23
Revelation 19:5	Verse 24
Revelation 11:15	Verse 30

From verse 1 to the end it covers the time from the Exodus to Revelation – from present time to past time and to future time.

Verses 1-2: THE NOWNESS OF THE SUFFERING

Verses 3-5: RECALLS TIME PAST (present time again)

Verses 29-32: MOVE TOWARDS THE FUTURE

The Psalm covers the span of human suffering and nowhere asks for cursing the enemies.

THE GREATEST POWER EVER RELEASED IS – THE POWER OF THE POWERLESSNESS ON THE CROSS.

(POWER WITHOUT RIGHT IS INJUSTICE. RIGHT WITHOUT POWER IS POWERLESSNESS)