



We have come to the end of our journey through Psalm 22. We started in a dark place as we got a glimpse into Jesus' mind to know something of his suffering physically, mentally but most importantly spiritually as he was forsaken by God for us, taking our sin upon himself. This Sunday we looked at the universal scope of the cross and the global effect David foresees Jesus will have.

The Praise of God's people

The Psalmist continues with the theme of praise in result of God's deliverance. It is his vow in response to what God has done and many people are invited to feast and worship. The picture is of a public act of worship in the tabernacle as God fearers gather to praise. Because of God's salvation his people have found their satisfaction in him.

The Promise to all people

As David has done throughout this psalm he looks beyond himself to something bigger. Just as God's salvation was much greater than David so is the response required far greater than just Israel. The Psalmist envisions all sorts of different people worshiping and feast on the Lord for his deliverance. 'The ends of the earth', 'families of nations', the rich and the poor are included in this vision. All people are included because the LORD is God of all and his rules the nations.

The Proclamation to future people

Finally, we looked beyond just the nations of the world at one time to see the universal scope of God's salvation throughout the history of time. David foresees God's people, who have been changed by the good news proclaiming it and

declaring it to future generations, so all will know that 'he has done it'; a final possible allusion to Jesus' final words "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

Questions to aid your study and discussion and motive your prayers.

Set the OT scene of David and his people gathered round the tabernacle to worship in fulfilment of his vow. Look up these passages to help you understand the law. (Lev 7:11-18; Deut 12:17-19). Read an example of Hannah making a vow to the LORD (1 Samuel 1:10-11, 21-28) and other Psalms (Ps 56:12; 66:13-14)

What is required? Who is invited? What do they do? Why do they do it? Where do they do it?

What is the result of those who come to the LORD? (v26) Is this your experience in coming to the LORD? What attitude do you have when you come to gather for public praise and worship? How can we develop the right response?

List all the different types of people who are envisioned coming to worship (v27-29) Talk about who exactly is included in this list and encourage one another with the universal vision David has of God's mission? Read these verses to see the fulfilment in Heaven (Rev 5:9-10; 7:9-10)

What are the nations, etc said to do in response to the LORD who rules the nations? Can you think of examples in history where nations have turned from idols to God? Track the growth of the church around the world over the last 2,000 years.

What do verses 30-21 tells us about future generations? Who are these people and what do they do? How does Matthew 24:14 encourage you?

How are we included in this global mission of proclaiming the Lord's righteousness? How can we play our part in sending people to the ends of the earth from MRC?