

"Culture and the Christian Worldview" - part 1
Psalm 22

Introduction:

Suffering in the face of God (vv.1-10)

- A) The sense that God is distant (**vv.1-2**)
- B) The assurance of God's character & work (**vv.3-5**)
- C) The realization of personal state (**vv.6-8**)
- D) The reminder of God's sovereignty (**vv.9-10**)
- E) Christ in the Suffering (**vv.1,8**)

Seeking God's Deliverance (vv.11-21)

- A) The prayer of the desperate (**v.11**)
- B) The acknowledgement of enemies (**vv.12-13**)
- C) The admission of weakness (**vv.14-15**)
- D) The admission of injury & humiliation (**vv.16-18**)
- E) The prayer for deliverance (**vv.19-21**)

- F) Christ in the seeking (**vv.16-18**)
 - a. Christ was fully human
 - b. Christ was fully divine
 - c. Christ came to seek and save the lost

Proclaiming the Good News of God's Deliverance (vv.22-26)

- A) Proclaiming Truth to the People of God (**v.22**)
- B) Worshipping God is the result of Truth proclaimed in the midst of God's own (**v.23**)
- C) The Truth is, God delivers and redeems (**v.24**)
- D) Worshipping God yields obedience (**v.25**)
- E) Proclaiming Truth produces Praise, which leads to joy-filled satisfaction in the hearts of God's people (**v.26**)
- F) Christ in the proclaiming (**vv.24,26**)

Worshipping is the End of God's Deliverance (vv.27-31)

- A) Missions is the outflow of the church worshipping God (**v.27**)
 - a. The nations must hear and turn to God
 - b. This is the end, result, goal, promise: those from every nation in worship
- B) Worshipping a king as ruler...No less (**v.28**)
- C) Missions is to go to all types of people, because all types of people will become worshippers (**vv.29-30**)

- D) Worship finds its outflow in proclamation (**vv.30b-31**)
 - a. Telling to the coming generations
 - b. Proclaiming the righteousness of God, not the works or traditions of men (this has strong church culture implications -- we remain firm where we should and flexible where we should)
- E) Christ in the Worshipping (**vv.27-31**)

- E) A culture of Worship
 - a. Our worship should be serious
 - b. Our worship should be seriously joy-filled
- F) **Hebrews 12:1-3**

What does this have to do with cultural engagement?

- A) A culture of Suffering
 - a. **Matthew 27** before **28**
 - b. **Acts 17:1-21** before **22-34**
 - c. **Colossians 1:24-29**
- B) A culture of Gospel-centeredness
 - a. **Psalm 22** most quoted Psalm in NT
 - b. About Christ's suffering and reign
- C) A culture of Teaching
 - a. Proclaiming Christ exalting joy and satisfaction
 - b. Declaring to other generations
 - c. We should organize ourselves to remind each other of God's deliverance through Jesus Christ
 - d. We must ensure that families are disciplined in such a way that they teach the gospel to children yet unborn
- D) A culture of humility
 - a. To be impartial
 - b. To be courageous