

Text: Psalm 22: 9-18

EXERCISING TRUST AMIDST GREAT SUFFERING

1. Problems

- a) Trouble is near (Psalm 22:11b)
- b) There is none to help (Psalm 22:11c)
- c) Many bulls have surrounded Me (Psalm 22:12a)
- d) Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me (Psalm 22:12c)
- e) They gape at Me with their mouths (Psalm 22:13a)
- f) Like a raging and roaring lion (Psalm 22:13b)
- g) For dogs have surrounded Me (Psalm 22:16a)
- h) The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me (Psalm 22:16b)
- i) They pierced My hands and My feet (Psalm 22:16c)
- j) They look and stare at Me (Psalm 22:17b)
- k) They divide My garments among them (Psalm 22:18a)
- l) And for My clothing they cast lots (Psalm 22:18b)

2. How Problems may affect adversely

- a) I am poured out like water (Psalm 22:14a)
- b) All My bones are out of joint (Psalm 22:14b)
- c) My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me (Psalm 22:14c)
- d) My strength is dried up like a potsherd (Psalm 22:15a)
- e) My tongue clings to My jaws (Psalm 22:15b)
- f) You have brought Me to the dust of death (Psalm 22:15c)
- g) I can count all My bones (Psalm 22:16a)

3. Exercising Trust

- a) But You are He who took Me out of the womb (Psalm 22:9a)
- b) You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts (Psalm 22:9b)
- c) I was cast upon You from birth (Psalm 22:10a)
- d) From My mother's womb, You have been My God (Psalm 22:10b)
- e) Be not far from Me (Psalm 22:11a)

TRUST IN GOD

1. Initial
2. Tested
3. Proven
4. Developed
5. Strength to be found in a well-built trust in the Lord