

Text: **Psalm 22**

Title: **"THEY TRUSTED IN YOU, AND WERE NOT ASHAMED"**

(I) A MESSIANIC PSALM

- 1. Davidic authorship**
- 2. Prophetic (in parts)**
- 3. Messianic (in parts)**

(II) CONTEXT OF THE MESSIANIC PORTION

1. Intense suffering

- a) When God seems far away (**Psalm 22:1-2**)
- b) When God does not seem to hear (**Psalm 22:1-2**)
- c) Strength dried up (**Psalm 22:15**)

2. Acute awareness of human frailty

- a) Only a worm and not man (**Palm 22:6**)
- b) Reproached by people (**Psalm 22:6**)
- c) Mocked by enemies (**Psalm 22:7-8**)

3. Surrounded by wickedness

- a) Strong bulls (**Psalm 22:12**)
- b) Roaring lions (**Psalm 22:13**)
- c) Dogs (**Psalm 22:16**)

(III) FINDING HOPE IN TRUST

1. Examples (Psalm 22:4-5)

- a) People who trusted
- b) God delivered them

2. Exercise of Personal Trust

- a) Crying out to God in prayer (**Psalm 22:1**)
- b) Pleading for deliverance (**Psalm 22:20**)
- c) Believing in God answering (**Psalm 22:21, 24**)

(IV) A STIRRING TESTIMONY

1. Declaration of God's Name (Psalm 22:22)

2. Praising God (Psalm 22:22-23)

3. Fulfilling vows (Psalm 22:25)