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[0 : 00] trusting in the Lord that he shall be my helper I would direct you to Psalm 22 reading the first two verses Psalm 22 reading the first two verses My God My God Why hast thou forsaken me Why art thou so far from helping me and from the words of my roaring O my God I cry in the daytime but thou hearest not and in the night season and am not silent

The 22nd Psalm and the first two verses I hardly know where to stop really with these verses that are before us They are so interwoven it seems together But there is a limit to what we can speak from and I trust that the Lord has led me to this word and I venture with it trusting that he will open it up and meet our cases How have you and I a case?

That is the first question For if we have not a case my friends there will be no feelings There will be no desires There will be no longings There will be no fears There will be no felt darkness There will be no darkness There will be no darkness But my friends the Psalmist He had feelings He was in a very very dark place And I know that And we each know that this Psalm refers to the blessed Lord Jesus And we hope to speak a little as helped later on about that side of it But my dear friends David was brought into the experience

Here in these verses He penned them Not only could he doubtless He was used to pen these words with reference to the Lord Jesus Yet he was brought in measure into the experience That he was writing on So we read My God My God Why hast thou forsaken me?

Now notice my dear friends That he is able to call God His God My God Now can we each lay claim To this language My God You may be in the pathway that David was here Feelingly Feelingly Utterly Forsaken And yet you may still be able to say My God You say well How come?

[4 : 25] Well my dear friend If you have a experience That you have come through And walked in You know something of this great God You have seen his hand This great God This great God Has led you about He's led you in the wilderness He's cut you off at times You have felt his absence You have seen his delivering hand You have felt the blessed sweetness Of his presence And so my dear friend By faith You are enabled to claim him As your God My God And so David Claimed him

As his God The Lord had done great things for him But now Look where David is Look at the pathway That he's walking in now The Lord had blessed him In days gone by He had anointed him He had told him That he should be king But He's now Going through the trials The fires You remember That David Was left to sin Against his God He committed adultery He committed murder All through the lusts of his heart And you know The word of God says

As ye sow So shall ye reap And David And David proved it Because following this sin This great sin His son Absalom He sinned He committed adultery He turned against his own father And David Had to flee For his life He was hated He was hunted And so he was Now living in the caves of the earth In deserted parts of the earth Because his enemies Because his enemies hunted him And even Much worse than all that His God His God

My God He says His God Was hiding his face He couldn't feel He couldn't feel The blessed presence Of his God Of his father In heaven He's brought To cry out My God My God Why hast thou forsaken me Now my dear friends I believe That all his dear people Will be brought Into this experience In some measure You say Well why Why should everyone Be brought into it Why my dear friends Because the dear Redeemer The Lord Jesus He uttered these words

When he was suffering For his dear people His own beloved father Hit his face From him And he cried out My God My God Why hast thou forsaken me And so my dear friends His people Will follow In the same footsteps As the master In their measure And I believe There are those of you here That the Lord Is teaching And you have entered Into this experience And you may be there This morning I know not Lord knows But I can tell you This my dear friend If you are there This morning The Lord Hasn't forsaken you

[9 : 28] And David Proved it He proved That the Lord Hadn't forsaken him Why He praised God In the end of this chapter This very same chapter And as you look back Haven't you Haven't you Cause Haven't you Been able To see His delivering And And haven't you Praised him You say Yes I have But now It's now It's now That I'm Concerned about My God My God Why hast Thou Forsaken me Ah My friends There's nothing More painful To the child Of God Than to feel

That the Lord Is Absent And not only That That He cannot Gain His ear This is how It was With David Because We read That he says Why art Thou So far From helping Me And from The words Of my Roaring Ah And it Was day And night Does it Come Does it Find you Or me How are You Or me There now Feeling His absence Feeling That he Doesn't Appear For you Ah He will Not forsake You Ah

You might Save That I Have got To prove It Yes You will Prove It We shall Prove His Faithfulness His love Changes Not It is Everlastingly The same There is a Blessed Him I can't Quote it Word for Word but It says Once in Jesus In him Forever The love Of Christ Changes Not My friend We have To walk By faith Then ask Jesus Has he ever Shed his love Abroad in your Heart Have you ever Tasted It Perhaps You say Yes I dare Not Deny Dare Not Deny

That he's Never been Sweet to My taste That I've Longed To be With him Longed To hear His voice But now All His Darkness He seems To shut Out My Crime The Pathway That I Walk In Is Full Of Things That I Don't Like And My Own Heart My Own Wretched Heart Is Bent On Evil My Dear Friends We're No Better Than David Left To Ourselves David Was A Gracious Man One Whom The Lord Loved But He Was Still Only A Man And He Sin He Went Into Great Depths

Of Sin He Was Left To Go He Had To Prove The Weakness Of His Own Heart That He Couldn't Keep Alive His Own Soul And We Have To Prove It We Do Each Of Us If The Lord Is Working In Our Hearts I See More And More Of This As I Journey Along My Weakness My Inability To Keep Alive My Own Soul Ah You Sometimes May May Be Like I Am I Look Upon Some Of The Lord's People And I Think Yes How Different They Are To Me They Seem To Grow In Grace And In The Knowledge Of The Lord Jesus They Seem They Seem To Know So Much

[14 : 32] More Than I Do I Seem To Come So Sure Ah Perhaps That's The Feelings Of Your Heart Sometimes And What Does It Do It Drives You To His Feet Lord Teach Me Teach Me Thy Ways Wean Me From Myself And This World Cast Out Sin Those Reigning Sins Those Sins That You Perhaps Feel That Will Swallow You Up That Will Be Your Utter Ruin Ah Doubtless David Came Into These Exercises And Thoughts For Here He Was Feelingly Forsaken By His God You

Might Say Yes That's Just Where I Feel To Be The Lord Has Cut Across My Pathway I Have Those Thorns In The Flesh That I Have To Carry About Day By Day I Have To Live With Them And I Am Ever For Looking At Them Rebellious Trying To Put Them Right Sort Them Out What Does The Lord Say Commit Thy Way Unto Him And He Shall Bring It To Past My Dear Friends The Lord Doesn't Need You And I To Try And Sort The Pathway Out And Put The Crooked Things Straight And The Rough Places Plain I Don't Mean That We Have To

Sit Down And In A Lazy Unconcerned Way No My Dear Friends You Will Have To Continually Take It To The Lord But The Lord Chooses The Way That You And I Are To Walk In He Chooses The Pathway You Might Feel It Is Rough And Rugged That Perhaps Is To Your Poor Feet But The Lord Chooses The Way And He Will Bring You At Times To Be Submissive And You Will Be Able To Say Choose Thou The Way Still Lead On And I Will Tell You When You Will Be Able To Say It When You Have A Little Feeling Sense Of His Presence In The Way As You Journey Along

That Put Everything Right You Say What That Cross That I Am Carrying Yes Yes That Will Put It All Right That Will Make You Submissive Our Old Flesh Doesn't Like To Carry Crosses He Doesn't Want Burdens And Weights No It Would Cast Them Away If It Could But My Dear Friends We Have To We Are Exalted To Take Up Our Cross And Follow Him You Say Well How Am I Going To Take Up Something That I Don't Want Something That I Don't Like Looking Unto Jesus Looking Unto Him

He'll Be The Helper He Has Said As Thy Day So Shall Thy Strength Be Then Forsaken Soul As You May Feel To Be May You Be In Able To Rise Up And Look Unto Him Who Orders The Pathway Both Bitters And Sweets My Dear Friends The Pathway Of His Dear People Is Full Of Bitters And Sweets The Lord Balances The Clouds He Measures Them Out To His Dear People He Knows When To Lay Them Low To Bring Them To His Feet

[19 : 35] To Humble Them He Knows When To Bless Them With A Little Felt Sense Of His Blessed Presence He Knows How To Give Us Submission To Break Down Our Own Hard Hearts And To Melt Us Before A Blessed Holy God Ah Hear The Great God A Merciful God He Knoweth How To Deliver The Godly He Knoweth How To Deliver Them Out Of Temptations Haven't You Proved That When You've Been Assaulted By Satan And His Agents That The Lord Has Come And Made A Way Of Escape And Delivered You He Has Held

Your Hand The Lord Does Not Forsake His Own Dear People But There Is A Solemn Word If You Forsake Me I Will Forsake Thee Ah My Friends If We Walk Afar Off We Shall Find Coldness Darkness In Our Souls Haven't You Proved It In Your Experience My Friends The More We Go After Sin The More We Seek To Satisfy Our Own Hearts The More We Shall Find Coldness Spiritual Coldness And Darkness It's These Things My Friends That Bring Us Into These

Experiences It Was This That Brought David Into This Experience My God My God Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me It Was The Fruit Of His Sin That Had Brought Him Here Though He Had Sin Against His God He Had Schemed He Had Schemed How He Should Fill Up The Lust Of His Heart You Remember That King David Who Was To Be He Saw He Was King On The Throne At This Time One Particular Time In His Experience And He Saw

That Woman As He Walked On The Housetop Washing Herself And He Lusted After Her He Went After Her He Schemed And He Had Her And He Was The Means Of Killing Her Husband Oh My Friends The Subtleness The Evilness Of It But The Lord Solemnly Brought Him Into Judgment Oh How Is It With You And I You Might Say Well I'm Not Guilty Of That Sin Maybe You're Not But Are There Not Other Sins That Reign In Your Hearts The

Lord Knows He Knows What Keeps Us From Him And They Do My Friends If We Go After Sin That Keeps Us From The Lord It Separates Us But If The Lord Pricks Our Heart And Shows Us Our Guilt My Friends This Will Drive You And Me To The Mercy Seat This Will Make A Change In Our Hearts You May Then Cry Out My God My God Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me I Have Sinned Against Thee I Come Desperately Short God Ah And His Dear People

[24 : 37] Are Brought Into This Experience Of Travelling At The Throne Of Grace Why Art Thou So Far From Helping Me And From The Words Of My Roaring Oh My God I Cry In The Day Time But Thou Hearest Not And In The Night Season And Am Not Silent My Friends The Dear Lord's People They Have To Travel At The Throne Of Grace They Have To Plead And Plead With The Lord For It To Show Mercy You Might Say Well That's Where I Am Now I Feel He Has Forsaken Me And

I Am Begging Of Him Day And Night That He May Visit My Soul That He May Come And Forgive My Sins And Give Me That Feeling Sense Within My Soul That He Is My Redeemer That He Has Put Away My Sins Oh There'll Be Much Prayer There'll Be Much Travel And Wrestling At The Throne Of Grace My My Dear Friends The Lord's People Have To Wrestle For His Blessing Jacob Wrestled With God When He Was On That Journey To Returning To His Home And

He Knew That Esau Was On The Way With All Those Men To Fight Against Him To Kill Him To Have His Revenge Upon His Brother For What Had Taken Place In The Past And Jacob Was Full Of Fear He Trembled Before His God Before His God It Was His God That Had Told Him To Arise And Go To Bethel To Return And That's Just How It Is My Dear Friends With His People The Lord Commands Them He Tells Them To Walk In That Pathway That Pathway That Leads Unto Eternal Life That Pathway In Providence And Then They

Find There's Storms Storms In The Soul In The Heart In The Way That Leads To Eternal Life There's Temptations Of The Devil There's Darkness There's The Hidings Of The Lord's Pace My God My God Why Has Thou Forsaken Me The Storms Have Come Upon Me I Feel Thy Absence Cannot Gain Thine Ear Have I Mistook The Way Am I Wrong After All■■■■ And Perhaps In That Path Way Of Providence The Lord Has Led You In That Path Way You Ventured As The Disciples Did Of Old As They Were Told To Go To The Other Side Of The Lake and there arose a great storm and tempest so much so that they feared their lives that they would be drowned but the Lord had bid them to go that way he had told them to get into the ship and go did he leave them in the storm?

no, he came to them he helped them, he delivered them he brought them through and so it will be my dear friends in your life and my life if we are being led about in this wilderness by the Lord it doesn't matter my dear friend what storms you and I are brought into spiritually or providentially he'll bring us through because he is the pilot he is the one that is leading his dear people he brings, he causes us to come into these storms what for?

[29 : 53] why to drive us helplessly unto him save Lord or I perish and that is the place my dear friends where the dear Redeemer draws near he undertakes he delivers he helps he preserves oh the good hand of God our Father our Father is in Heaven we don't often feel do we perhaps that we can call God our Father that my dear friends if you and I are chosen of him he is our blessed Father and we are his children and he will lead us and guide us he will take us by the hand and lead us oh I think that is a blessed description of the Father in Heaven and his dear people do you feel it the need of it?

I do my friend oh I do I feel the need that he should take me by the hand and lead me about my God my God why hast thou forsaken me?

well my dear friends I feel the Lord led me to these words to bring here and it was not an easy path it was a painful path so I trust the Lord is in it and if he is my dear friends that will find its place in your hearts wherever that soul is or souls that feels deserted my dear friends I sought the Lord all the week for a word to come with us morning and I could get nothing nothing and I come many miles and I felt well what a fool I was to come I wondered what I was doing up this way last evening but when I went to bed

I saw a text on the wall on a calendar and it said this my heart fail and that's just where I felt to be and I pondered upon it and this morning as I tried to find the place because I couldn't see where the place was in the darkness this morning and I looked in the Psalms and my eyes fell upon these words that I read and I venture with them and that's how the Lord led me to them I felt forsaken but the Lord knows it may be as I said there is one here that feels forsaken well I hope the

Lord will hear and answer your prayers and mine this day and I hope that he will still lead us if it's his will further into these words and help and open them up this afternoon oh may the Lord be with each one of us may he give us the feel that his presence is here and that he has ordered this pathway that we are in that second hymn I felt was a blessed word that third and fourth verse I think it was then be not afraid all power is given to Jesus our head in earth and in heaven through him we shall conquer the mightiest foes our captain is stronger than all that oppose his power from above he'll kindly impart so free is his love so tender is his heart redeemed with his merit we're washed in his blood renewed by his spirit with power with

[35 : 31] God may the Lord bless a few things for his name sake amen amen