

# The Silence and Salvation of God

**Introduction:**

- A. How can we navigate through those difficult periods in life when God seems silent and absent?
- B. This is one of the themes of *Psalm 22*, and it couldn't be clearer that Jesus had this psalm in mind when he hung on the cross, bearing his Father's wrath for the forgiveness of our sins.

Psalm 22	Matthew 27
v. 1: My God, why have you forsaken me?	v. 46: About the ninth hour Jesus cried out...
v. 7: All who see me mock me...	v. 39: Those who passed by derided him...
v. 8: "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver..."	v. 43: "He trusts in God; let God deliver..."
v. 16: They have pierced my hands and feet	v. 35: When they had crucified him...
v. 18: They divide my garments and cast lots	v. 35: they divided his garments among them

- C. Notice carefully how David reasons his way from extreme pain to confident hope.

PAST (God's Presence)	PRESENT (David's Plea)	FUTURE (David's Praise)