



Psalms

The Book of Praises

Lesson 12

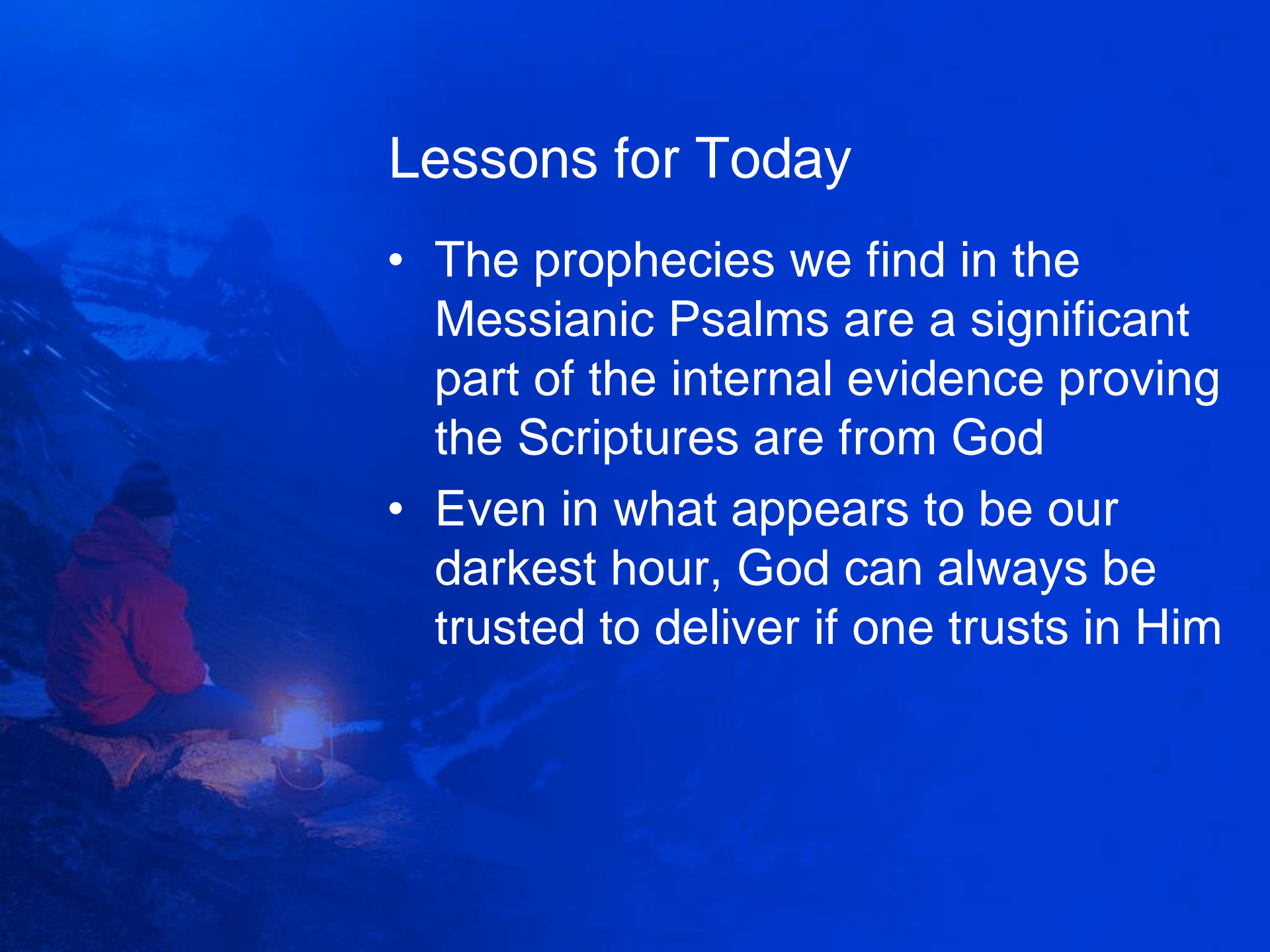
Messianic Psalms - Part I

Five Classes of Messianic Psalms

- Typical messianic.
 - The subject of the psalm is in some feature a type of Christ.
- Typical prophetic.
 - The psalmist uses language to describe his present experience which points beyond his own life and becomes historically true only in Christ.
- Indirectly messianic.
 - At the time of composition, the psalm referred to a king or the house of David in general, but awaits final fulfillment in Christ.
- Purely prophetic.
 - Refers solely to Christ without reference to any other son of David.
- Enthronement.
 - Anticipates the coming of the Lord and the consummation of His kingdom.

Lessons for Today

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Fulfilled Prophecies

- 22:1
 - He would cry out in anguish, quoting this psalm - Mt. 27:46
- 22:7-8
 - He would be scorned and mocked - Mt. 27:39-44; Lk. 23:35-39
- 22:16
 - His hands and side would be pierced – Jn. 19:34-37
- 22:18
 - They would gamble for His clothing – Mt. 27:35
- 31:5
 - Would commit His spirit to God – Lk. 23:46
- 34:20
 - Not one of His bones would be broken – Jn. 19:33, 36

Fulfilled Prophecies

- 35:11
 - Would be accused by false witnesses – Mk. 14:55-59
- 35:19
 - Would be hated without a cause – Jn. 15:17-25
- 40:7-8
 - Would come to do God's will – Heb. 10:7-9
- 41:9
 - He would be betrayed by a friend – Mt. 26:14-16, 21-25, 47-50
- 45:6
 - His throne would be forever – Heb. 1:8
- 69:9
 - Zeal for God's house would consume Him – Jn. 2:15-17

Fulfilled Prophecies

- 69:21
 - He would be given vinegar and gall to drink – Mt. 27:34, 48
- 109:4
 - He would pray for His enemies – Lk. 23:34
- 118:22
 - The stone rejected by the builders would become the chief cornerstone – Mt. 21:42-46
- Q1. Could some of the psalmists be considered prophetic in their writings? (Lk. 24:44)
 - Yes!
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Psalm 22

“The Victorious Sufferer”

“This is beyond all others The Psalm of The Cross. For plaintive expressions uprising from unutterable depths of woe we may say of this Psalm, ‘there is none like it.’ It is the photograph of our Lord’s saddest hours, the record of his dying words, the lachrymatory of his last tears, the memorial of his expiring joys. David and his afflictions may be here in a very modified sense, but, as the star is concealed by the light of the sun, he who sees Jesus will probably neither see nor care to see David. Before us we have a description both of the darkness and of the glory of the cross, the sufferings of Christ and the glory which shall follow. Oh for grace to draw near and see this great sight!”
(Charles Spurgeon)

Psalm 22

“The Victorious Sufferer”

- Question 2 - Describe the sufferings of Christ as borne out by this psalm.
 - Derision by men
 - Enemies will be fierce
 - Strength is gone
 - Extreme thirst
 - Pierced hands and feet – crucified
 - Bones out of joint – distorted position on the cross
 - Men look on and stare
 - Garments divided up

Psalm 22 - Outline

- Vv. 1-21 - Plea to God
 - Vv. 1-2 - A pitiful cry for help
 - Vv. 3-5 - The fathers' experience - never an appeal in vain
 - Vv. 6-8 - The scornful treatment experienced at the hands of the enemy
 - Vv. 9-11 - A plea for help to God who has always been a Helper
 - Vv. 12-13 - The danger threatening from the enemies
 - Vv. 14-18 - The extremity of this manifold misery
 - Vv. 19-21 - The last desperate plea for help, which suddenly bursts into the assurance of being heard
- Vv. 22-31 - Delivered by God
 - Vv. 22-25 - Praise on the part of the sufferer and of the godly for this deliverance
 - Vv. 26-31 - The various kinds and classes of men sharing in the resultant blessings

Psalm 22 - Outline

- Vv. 1-21 - Plea to God
 - Vv. 1-2 - A pitiful cry for help
 - Cannot read this verse without thinking of Jesus on the cross and the use He made of it
 - Was He left alone?
 - Contrast with: Jn. 16:32 – “... yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.”
 - What is meant by this statement on the cross?
 - A cry of agony expressed out of His human side
 - Calling this psalm to mind for the Jews who looked on
 - Vv. 3-5 - The fathers' experience - never an appeal in vain
 - Even in what appears to be our darkest hour, God can always be trusted to deliver if one trusts in Him. This was the experience of the fathers before.
 - “... For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5-6

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 - ‘bulls of Bashan’ – from the grassy plains of Bashan where they found ample pasturage and were well fed
 - See the aggressive nature of them

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 - Vv. 14-18 - The extremity of this manifold misery
 - “poured out like water” – utter helplessness and weakness; strength gone
 - “bones out of joint” – the distorted position of a crucified person
 - “heart like wax” – His vigor was exhausted
 - “tongue clings to My jaws” – in an extreme condition of dehydration
 - “dogs have surrounded Me” – vicious and despicable people
 - “pierced my hands and my feet” – the one statement of the psalm that most obviously points to the crucifixion
 - Instead of pity, they stare heartlessly

Psalm 22 - Outline

- Vv. 1-21 - Plea to God
 - Vv. 19-21 - The last desperate plea for help, which suddenly bursts into the assurance of being heard
 - The last eager cry for help
 - “You have answered Me.”
 - The cries of agony were the very human side of Christ expressing itself. It seemed as though He was totally abandoned.
 - But, He has been heard!
- Vv. 22-31 - Delivered by God
 - Vv. 22-25 - Praise on the part of the sufferer and of the godly for this deliverance
 - V. 22 – see Jn. 10:17; Heb. 2:10-13
 - Then a call on all who are like-minded to praise Him on account of what God has done.
 - V. 24 – Again, God has not hidden His face from Him.

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- Vv. 22-31 - Delivered by God
 - Vv. 26-31 - The various kinds and classes of men sharing in the resultant blessings
- Question 3 - What would be the results of His sufferings?
 - God would be praised by Christ and all the godly for His deliverance
 - Would cause people the world over to turn to God and worship Him
 - Would be told to generations that followed

Psalm 22

To the tune “Lamb of God”

My God, my God, I groan to You,

So why have You forsaken me?

I cry by day; You do not hear,

By night, but suffer woefully.

Yet You are throned upon our praise;

Our fathers put their trust in You;

To You they cried and were redeemed;

They trusted, and they found You true.



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Psalm 22

To the tune “Lamb of God”

I am a worm and not a man,
Despised by all the people here;
“Now let the Lord deliver him,”
They shake their heads at me and sneer.
Yet You have brought me from the womb,
O Lord, my only hope on earth;
Upon Your mercy I was cast,
And You have been my God from birth.

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