



# God's Lyrics: From the Great King's Playlist

## PSALM 22

### UNEASY THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN

"How many thousand of my poorest subjects Are at this hour asleep!  
O sleep, O gentle sleep, . . . Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."  
Henry IV, Part 2, act 3, Scene 1—suffering for your own sin

### HEAVY HANGS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN

King David—suffering for his own righteousness  
1 Samuel 30:6ff; 2 Samuel 15

### FACING SUFFERING FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

Our Calling . . . 1 Peter 2:19-23

What This Calling Feels Like

#### Physically

The enemies are strong, healthy, persistent, present,  
and confident that it's all over (12-13; 16-18)  
Exhausted; Poured out like water, melted like wax,  
broken like a piece of pottery (14-15)

#### Spiritually

He doesn't feel God's presence  
God is far away (1, 11, 19)  
God doesn't hear him (2)  
He feels worthless (6)  
He knows God is at work in this (15)

What David remembers, though he does not feel it

God's track record with His people (3-5)  
God's presence with him even before he could respond (9-10)  
God has saved him in the past (21)  
God hadn't actually hidden his face and does hear (24)  
God really is in control (28)  
God is "MY" God (1, 2, 10)

### THE END OF SUFFERING—IT IS FINISHED

King Jesus—suffering in his own righteousness for our own sin  
verse 3; Habakkuk 1:13; 1 Peter 2:23-24

Psalm 22 is not suffering, but execution

bones out of joint (vs. 14)  
exhausted strength and thirst (15)  
hands and feet pierced (16)  
the humiliation of being stared at (17)  
the cry of aloneness (2; Matthew 27:46)  
praying during light and dark (2; Matthew 27:45)  
mocking by Gentiles and Jews (6-8, 12-13; Matthew 27:39-44)  
*He trusted in God . . .*  
casting of lots for clothing (18; Matthew 27:35)  
the singer declares the victory among his brothers  
(22; Hebrews 2:11-12)  
worldwide effect of his saving (27)  
The LORD accomplished this (31)

*Though David felt abandoned by God, David had not truly been abandoned. While I have felt abandoned by God, I have never truly been abandoned. But when Jesus felt abandoned on the cross, it was because he truly was abandoned by his heavenly Father. Jesus experienced the agony of ultimate abandonment by God as nobody has ever known it.*

*And so you have a High Priest who can relate to you no matter where you are because he's not just been where you have been; he's been far beyond the darkest despair in your experience. He understands. And his heart is full of love and compassion and comfort for you.*

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