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Psalm 22:1-10

It is little wonder that Psalm 22 is the most quoted psalm in the New Testament. David recalls times of persecution, such as he endured under King Saul. David's experience foreshadows Christ's crucifixion. In crying "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus infused David's words with greater meaning (Matthew 27:46). On the Cross Jesus fully identifies with our human condition. The sufferer feels abandoned and yet realizes God is the only hope.

David clings to two threads of hope: God's faithfulness to His children in the past and David's lifelong relationship with God. In those days a newborn was laid on the knees of the father or mother while the child was cleaned and the cord was cut. In this act the parent acknowledged the child as their own. When David says, "I was cast on you; from my mother's womb," he describes the strong bond between himself and God.

In our deepest suffering those two threads still prove strong. Even when we feel forsaken, the One to whom we cry is still "My God."

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