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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 22:11-24

I once heard an interview with a writer for an old-time radio adventure serial. He recalled an episode where the hero and his friends were caught in a deep pit surrounded by angry natives threatening them with spears. The episode aired before the writers could come up with a solution to their hero's dilemma. Many wild scenarios were suggested, but none seemed to work. The next episode began with the announcer saying, "After our hero and his friends got out of the pit . . ."

David knew what it felt like to be surrounded and without hope. Bulls, roaring lions, and brutal villains all convey the picture of someone hopelessly entrapped by a merciless foe. This scene was on full display when Jesus hung on the Cross surrounded by a mocking crowd, thieves, and soldiers casting lots for his clothing (Matthew 27 and John 19).

The Lord will not scorn the suffering of His afflicted One. He has listened to His cry. The pit is now empty, but how is no mystery, "He is not here; he has risen" (Luke 24:6). When the only way out is up, call on God.

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