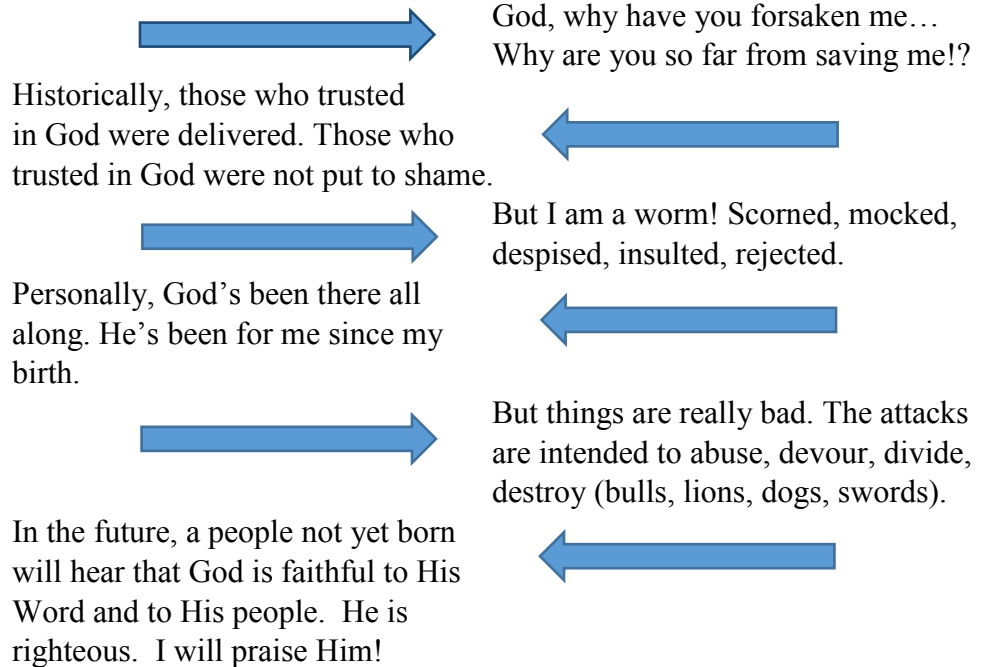


**Review from Sunday's Message for Personal Meditation:**

i. Message points for meditation:

a. A pattern of prayer and praise for help.



b. The mighty acts of God which are past are intended to inspire faith in the present to trust God now for more grace to come.

- i. God does what He says. *“His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done.”* (Ps. 22:31 NLT)
- ii. He is faithful to His Word and to His children.
- iii. His fame will be known around the world!

c. Dependent prayer and persistent praise culminates in faith and worship.

d. Jesus said the opening words of this song from the cross. The Psalm was known. The Psalm pointed to Him, and He identified with the Psalm.

- i. Jesus knows what it is to be forsaken – and the salvation of God historically.
- ii. Jesus knows what it is to be abused – and the experience of God as Father.
- iii. Jesus knows what it is to be put to death – and to experience the cross for the joy set before Him of bringing a congregation to glory. (Heb. 12:1-2)

**Questions for Reflection, Application and Fellowship:**

- i. If a loved one was passing from this life and in their final words they said: “*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,*” we would quickly recognize the song and be encouraged with their testimony of identifying with the message of this well-known song.  
From the cross Jesus says: “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.*” Jesus identified with Psalm 22 in his passing moments.
  - a. What encouragement do we receive from Jesus identifying with the message of this Psalm?
  - b. What might those present gain from Jesus quoting this Psalm?
  
- ii. Why is both prayer and praise powerful in our lives as we wait on God for help and deliverance?
  - a. What does dependent prayer reveal?
  - b. What does persistent praise reveal?
  - c. How do they work together to produce practical faith and worship?