Northwest Bible Church – April 9, 2017 – Christ in the O.T. series – Alan Conner

**Ps. 22**

*The Passion of Christ on the Cross*

Intro

**A. THE HISTORICAL SETTING OF PSALM 22.**

1. Whose sufferings are in view here?

2. **Edmond Clowney**, “We know of no time in the life of David when he was so tortured and shamed. In this psalm he describes his sufferings in vivid language that was figurative hyperbole for his experience, but was literal in a startling way when his inspired words were fulfilled at Calvary.” **Derek Kidner**, “No one can read this psalm without being vividly confronted with the crucifixion”.

**B. THE OUTLINE OF PSALM 22.**

1. **David’s sufferings: (1-21).**

a. A cry of anguish (vv. 1-2).

b. An attempt to find comfort in God’s holy character (vv. 3-5).

c. David describes his sufferings (vv. 6-8).

d. Another attempt to find comfort in past mercies (vv. 9-11).

e. David describes his sufferings from his enemies (vv. 12-18).

f. David’s cry for help and help given (19-21b).

**2. David’s Praise 22-31).**

a. God’s name to be proclaimed to Israel (22-26).

b. God’s name is to be worshiped by all the nations (27-28).

c. Even the dead will worship God (29).

d. David’s believing posterity will worship and proclaim Him. (30-31).

**C. THE PROPHETIC SETTING OF PSALM 22.**

**Christ’s sufferings on the cross.**

1. Psa. 22:1 with Mk. 15:34; Matt. 27:46

2. Psa. 22:6 with Matt. 27:28-29

3. Psa. 22:7-8  with Mark 15:29 ; Mt. 27:41-43

4. Psa. 22:15  with John 19:28; Mt. 26:39

5. Psa. 22:16  with Mark 15:25; John 20:25

6. Psa. 22:18  with Mark 15:24; Jn. 19:23-24

**Praise to God for Christ’s resurrection**

1. Psa. 22:22  with Heb. 2:12

2. Psa. 22:24  with Heb. 5:7

3. Psa. 22:27  with Acts 1:8

4. Psa. 22:28  with Rev. 11:15

5. Psa. 22:31  with John 19:30

Lessons:

1. All our sufferings conform us to Christ’s image.

*2.* Purpose: To encourage God’s people to praise God for delivering their king from death.