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“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?...I cry by day, but You do not answer me...and I have no rest.” vs. 1-2

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“Yet...in YOU our father's trusted...and YOU delivered them...to YOU they cried out, and were delivered. In YOU they trusted and were not disappointed.” vs. 3-5, 9-10

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"Yet...I will tell of Thy name to my brethren. In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee." 22-26

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"All the ends of the earth **will** remember..."

"All the families of the nations **will** worship..." vs. 27

"Posterity **will** serve Him..."

"They **will** come and **will** declare His righteousness..." vs. 30-31

Christ's Focuses On The Cross, Doing The Father's Will

1. *"My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken **Me**?"* Mt. 27:46
2. *"Father, Into **Thy** Hands I Commit My Spirit"* Lk. 23:46
3. *"Father, Forgive **Them**, For They Do Not Know What They Are Doing."*
Lk. 23:34
4. *"It Is **Finished**."* John 19:30

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Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes upon Jesus, ...consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.” Heb. 12:1-3

“Count it all joy, brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing...” James 1

“God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and sound judgement. Therefore, join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who saved us and called us.” 2 Tim. 1 7-9

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*Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing has happened to you.*

*But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, **keep on rejoicing**, so that at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exaltation.*

*And **after you have suffered for a little**, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

1 Peter 4:12-13, 5:10

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*“If you do what is right and suffer for it, and you patiently endure this suffering –
this finds favor with God...for **you have been called for this purpose.**
For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps”*

1 Pet.2:21-25