

## I. He is Worthy of Praise. (Psalm 8)

- A. During His earthly ministry Jesus received tremendous opposition from the religious and upper classes.
- B. Matthew 11:25 — *I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*
- C. Matthew 21:14 *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?***

  - 1. How did the children recognize Him?
  - 2. Matthew 18:3 ...*Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

## II. He is Incorruptible. (Psalm 16)

- A. Acts 2:25 *For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a*

prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

- B. Job speaks of a literal, bodily Resurrection — Job 19:25 *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:*

### III. He was Forsaken of God. (Psalm 22)

- A. This passage is familiar from the gospel records regarding the crucifixion.
- Matthew 27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
- B. Why was Jesus forsaken by His Father?
1. Psalm 22:3 — *But thou art holy...*
  2. Habakkuk 1:13 *Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:*
  3. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
  4. The Father forsook the Son because He bore our sins.

- C. Deserted! God could separate from His own essence rather; And Adam's sins have swept between the righteous Son and Father:

Yea, once, Immanuel's orphaned cry His universe hath shaken—  
It went up single, echoless, "My God, I am forsaken!"  
It went up from His holy lips, amid His lost creation  
That no believer e'er should use those words of desolation.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning — Cowper's Grave

- D. Those who were witnesses to Christ's passion unknowingly fulfilled several prophecies that day:
1. They mocked and asked a prophesied question — Matthew 27:41 *Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.*
  2. They nailed him to the cross and gambled for His garment. — Luke 23:34