Songs of the Messiah

Jesus Christ in the Psalms

I. The Mystery of the Psalm

A. Psalm of David

B. Not a Psalm from David's experience

II. The Structure of the Psalm

A. Trust despite a sense of desertion (Psalm 22:1-11).

1. Recognition of apparent desertion
2. Perfect confidence in the character of God
3. Confidence in the testimony of God's faithfulness
4. Reminder of the past blessings in the writer's experience

B. Trust despite terrible suffering (Psalm 22:12-21).

1. The suffering is clearly described.

2. The suffering does not bring out a complaint.

3. The suffering does not draw out calls for retribution.

C. Trust in the promised outcome of the sufferer's experience (Psalm 22:22-31).

1. Confidence that the suffering will end well

2. Indication that the suffering will result in the afflicted being blessed

3. Declaration that the blessing will be worldwide and permanent