

In the time of David and for many centuries later, how to express these thoughts here. Now of course we don't believe that God necessarily dictated this to David. He might have. He dictated portions of the Old Testament and the New. God prepared men to write them what He wanted them to read. He directed in their preparation of experiences and He led them along in their writing so that ~~what~~ what they wrote would express the thoughts that He desired to have ~~em~~ conveyed. And in this case you can take particular instances and statements--as you look through David's life you might find something that would give him a background that the Lord would use to lead him to express a certain verse or a certain statement in the Psalm. But the unified picture that you have in the first two thirds of the Psalm is one that would be very hard to relate to any experience except the experience of crucifixion. And then when you pass the twenty-first verse of the ~~Psalm~~ Psalm you enter into an entirely different atmosphere. The first twenty one verses are filled with expressions of misery and pain and of crying out for help, and then ~~in~~ in the last ten verses you have an expression of joy and ~~h~~ happiness for something wonderful that has occurred. Not only do you have this expression of joy and happiness there, but you have a declaration that as a result of what has occurred, effects are going to be accomplished all over the world. Look at verse 27: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him. Can you imagine anybody, David or anybody else else or any ordinary person, in suffering and anguish and misery saying, Well, if God delivers me from this all the ends of the world are going to remember and turn unto the Lord. What terrible conceit. What an extreme idea of how important you are to the world unless ~~you~~ of course it is actually a picture of the Son of God speaking. And knowing of course that the worship of the true God which was previous to this was almost entirely confined to that nation Israel was as a result of what He did there and what happened there going to spread out, so that in every nation and through out the world there would be those who would turn to the Lord