

in this Psalm--the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow, unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves but unto us they did minister the things, ~~which~~ which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven: which things the angels desire ~~us~~ to look into. So this statement of Peter tells us that David understood that he was predicting, that he was describing the great work the Messiah would do in the description of His sufferings and the description of the glory that should follow and that David wondered just when this would be fulfilled and wondered, doubtless about the meaning of some of these statements. Some of them he ~~was~~ understood perfectly and others he ~~was~~ wondered about, because we read here in Peter that the prophets inquired and searched, searching what? or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when he testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. We now knowing how it was fulfilled can see exactly how it fits with it and have our understanding of that great event increased and also our confidence in the scripture enlarged by ~~us~~ seeing the marvelous prophecy that was given a thousand years before the coming of Christ. Well, then, these words begin at My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, so far from helping me and the words of my roaring. Now this is of course expresses the basic mystery of the cross. Why did God seem to forsake Christ. The word doesn't so much mean forsake Him as to leave Him. Why did God turn His face away from Him. Why did God allow Him to go through it suffering with no apparent evidence of any interest or intervention on His behalf. It is because this was something that had been determined before the foundation of the world. We read that Jesus Christ is the lamb slain before the foundation of the world. ~~We see~~ This was determined that Jesus Christ would indeed give His life for ^{the sins of} those who would believe on Him. And we read in John 3:16 that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. God the Father was suffering in His heart, in the anguish of the son as He saw Him enduring this misery, but He had to turn His face away from