The Psalms
(Lesson 27)

Introduction:

1. Following His resurrection, Jesus said He had fulfilled everything written about Him *"in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms"* (Luke 24:44).
2. According to Luke 24:45-47, Jesus was specifically referring to His death, His resurrection, and His giving of the Great Commission.
3. Passages from each section of the Old Testament that deal with these subjects include:
   a. Genesis 3:14-15 [the Law of Moses]
   b. Isaiah 53 [the prophets]
   c. Psalm 22 [the Psalms].
4. In this lesson we are examining Psalm 22 and the fulfillment of several prophecies made by David about Christ.

Discussion:

I. (vs.1-2) DAVID EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS TO GOD
   A. (vs.1) He wanted to know why God had forsaken him.
   B. (vs.2) He was concerned that God did not hear when he cried for help.
   C. See Matthew 27:45-49
   D. After expressing these concerns, . . .

II. (vs.3-5) DAVID REMEMBERED HOW GOD HAD BLESSED HIS PEOPLE IN THE PAST
   A. The Jewish fathers had trusted God, and they had cried unto God.
   B. God delivered them.

III. (vs.6-8) DAVID SHOWED HOW HE WAS DESPISED AND RIDICULED
   A. He was mocked and taunted.
   B. See Matthew 27:39-44

IV. (vs.9-11) DAVID REMEMBERED HOW GOD HAD BLESSED HIM FROM HIS BIRTH
   A. This led him to ask God to be near him.
   B. He knew that no one else could help him.

V. (vs.12-18) DAVID SHOWED HOW HIS ENEMIES HAD CAUSED HIM TO SUFFER
   A. Notice how David compared his enemies to certain wild animals: bulls, a lion, and dogs.
   B. See:
      1. Luke 23:33
      2. John 19:23-24

VI. (vs.19-21) DAVID ASKED GOD TO SAVE AND DELIVER HIM

VII. (vs.22-25) DESPITE HIS AFFLICTIONS, DAVID SHOWED HOW GOD DESERVES PRAISE
   A. He would personally praise God in *"the congregation"* (vs.22, 25).
   B. He called upon his fellow Israelites to praise God (vs.23-24).
   C. See Hebrews 2:9-12

VIII. (vs.26-31) THE THINGS DAVID WROTE ABOUT WOULD LEAD OTHERS TO TURN TO THE LORD AND WORSHIP HIM