

# HOW SWEET THE SOUND

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It Is Well

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. **Psalm 34:18 (NIV11)**

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

In the middle of your pain God is still \_\_\_\_\_.

Any great calamity in the natural world – death, disease, bereavement – will awaken a man when nothing else would, and he is never the same again. We would never know the “treasures of darkness” if we were always in the place of placid security. Oswald Chambers

<sup>28</sup> But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.

**Psalm 73:28 (NASB)**

<sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **Matthew 27:46 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? <sup>2</sup> Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night you hear my voice, but I find no relief... <sup>8</sup> “Is this the one who relies on the LORD? Then let the LORD save him! If the LORD loves him so much, let the LORD rescue him!” <sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me safely from my mother’s womb and led me to trust you at my mother’s breast. ... <sup>11</sup> Do not stay so far

from me, for trouble is near, and no one else can help me. ... <sup>15</sup> My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead. <sup>16</sup> My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. <sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing. <sup>19</sup> O LORD, do not stay far away! You are my strength; come quickly to my aid! ... <sup>22</sup> I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people. ... <sup>24</sup> For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help. <sup>27</sup> The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. All the families of the nations will bow down before him. <sup>28</sup> For royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations. ... <sup>30</sup> Our children will also serve him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. <sup>31</sup> His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done.

**Psalm 22:1-2, 8-9, 11, 15-19, 22, 24, 27-28, 30-31 (NLT2)**

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control.  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul.

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Psalm 34:18
- Ask God to give you a sense of assurance that He is with you as you go through a dark time in your life.
- Bring my circumstances to God who loves me, trusting that he is with me.
- Turn my life and will over to the care and leadership of God as I repent of my sin and receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior.