

PSALMS II: IT'S TIME TO PLAY: 'WHAT'S MY PSALM?'

PSALM 22: JESUS ON THE CROSS Matthew27:46/Mark15:34 [but also John19:28-30?]

SPENDING TIME WITH A 'NEW' PSALM THAT TRICKED A LOT OF GREEKS*: ROMANS 3:9-18

CATINA! FLORILEGIUM! [The chain & the cluster]. We'll enjoy Paul's 'psalm to the fallen' (us) in Rom 3:9ff

[*Tricked Septuagint translators to add Paul's Romans 3 song that everyone on earth has a death sentence thanks to sin. Anyway: Vaticanus & Sinaiticus fell for it—Alexandrians didn't, and neither did Jerome, mostly. We'll talk].

To start 'things' off with Ecclesiastes 7:20 in 3:10. Then Psalm 14:1-3 sort of in Rom. 3:11-12. Then Psalm 5:10 in Rom. 3:13a. Then Ps. 140:3 in Rom. 3:13b (or c!). Then Ps. 10:28 in Rom. 3:14. Then Isaiah 59:7-8 in Rom. 3:15-15-17 (ref. also perhaps (!) to parallels in Proverbs 1:16 oh, yes, Psalm 14:3LXX). *Are you still with me?* Then Ps. 36:2 in Rom. 3:18 (& Ps. 14:3LXX). [Thanks to Marika Pulikkinnen's 2020 dissertation (U. of Helsinki) plus C.K. Barrett & Roy Harrisville]

Look how Paul is making his case picturing the bodies of us sinners & it's all from those O.T. verses—*'throat/tongue (Rom.3:13/Ps.5:10) lip (Rom.3:13/Ps. 140:4) mouth (Rom.3:14/Ps.10:7) foot (Rom.3:15/Isaiah 59:7) eye (s) (Rom.3:18/Ps.36:1)*. Oh, look ahead to 3:20: It's *flesh* (σάρξ) all the way! "There are NO second story Christians. [CLH] 'New Every morning' means what it says: We're all in this together. 'Sin Boldly but believe more boldly still!' [Thanks, Luther—we still sing his hymns]

Now, more Paul [Paul the hymn writer]

- 1) "Blessed be the God..." [consolation x 10!] II Cor. 1:3ff
- 2) "If God be for us..." Rom. 8:31ff
- 3) "Let the same mind..." Phil. 2:5-11
- 4) "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels but do not have love..." I Cor. 13

Ephesians 5:19 gives all of us 'permission' to author spiritual songs. So:

Psalms for a new day=Hymns! [go way back, but the Reformation opened the flood gates]

#343 'My Song is Love unknown' 17th century

#349 'Ah, Holy Jesus' 17th century

#332 'I heard the Voice of Jesus say' 19th century.

#336 'Lamb of God' 20th century

The best Lenten hymns are confessional—they 'convict' us (see Romans 3) and they are full of promise

Slave Songs! #325 'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'/#332 'Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land'/#350 'They Crucified My Lord and he never said a mumblin' word...'

