

## Questions on Psa 69

Next to Psa 22, this is the Psalm most frequently quoted of the Lord Jesus in the NT.

1. You might find it interesting to identify the verses that the NT applies to our Lord.
2. Is the psalm's primary reference to David and only typologically to the Lord Jesus (e.g., Psa 40, cf. v. 12), or is it a direct reference to the Lord that was only approximately fulfilled in David (e.g., Psa 16:10, cf. Peter's argument in Acts 2)? Be prepared to defend your answer.
3. The structure to the psalm appears (to me, at any rate) to turn on the alternation of petition (asking God for something) and statement.
  - a) What kinds of things does he ask God for? (Hint: how is v. 6 different from the other requests?)
4. To whom does he make statements? And what do these statement concern?
5. Map out which verses are of which sort. Do you notice anything about the relative sizes of the sections? How does the Psalm's relative emphasis shift as it progresses?
6. How might you reconcile the imprecatory tone of this Psalm with our Lord's prayer for forgiveness for his persecutors (Luke 23:34)? (Be sure to take into account the NT citation of v. 22.)