

## May 22 Answers

- 1) Psalm 102 is the prayer of “one **afflicted**” (v. 1). In the **Septuagint**, the prayer ends with v. 22, and the rest of the psalm is God’s answer to the psalmist, who is called “**Lord**” in v. 25. This means the psalm is **Messianic**. The author of **Hebrews** later quoted Ps 102 as a statement made by the **Father** to the **Son**, and he used it to show that the Messiah, the Son, is greater than the **angels** (Heb 1:10–12; Ps 102:25–27). Thus the psalm speaks first of the Messiah’s suffering (vv. 1–11), and then of His anticipation of the future Kingdom (vv. 12–22). At the end, the Father told Jesus that the days of His **earthly** life would indeed be few (vv. 23–24), but then God reminded Him that He was the **Creator** of the heavens: “They may perish, but you remain...your years will have no end” (vv. 26–27). Thus Psalm 102 is a beautiful testament to the **eternity** of God’s Son, Jesus Christ!