punishment, unknown at that time, and yet here we find a remarkable descrip-
tion of the experiences of a person being crucified. I wish we had an
hour to look at detail after detail in it, the wonderful picture of the
crucifixion of Christ, the references to the virgin birth, the references
to the unique character of Christ, the references to His terrible suffering,
to His being surrounded by the Gentiles and the wicked Roman soldiers. The
end of vs. 16 has caused difficulty, "They pierced my hands and feet" is
taken from the Septuagint,- the Hebrew says "like a lion my hands and feet",
which makes no sense at all, but it is very easy to see it must be a scribal
error and the Septuagint must be right here, "They pierced my hands and
my feet". Even those who insist that the Hebrew is right, "like a lion my
hands and my feet", say that some verb must be understood. If you did
something to your hands and feet like a lion, surely the idea of pierce is
as appropriate as any. The chances are the word "like a lion" is there a
scribal error representing a word for pierce. And so the Septuagint took
it, even before the time of Christ when it was fulfilled. And the descrip-
tion of Him before these people looking at Him in that very humiliating,
unclothed condition - "I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon
me". The prayer for help in that awful situation, and then the prayer sud-
denly breaking into joy in the middle of vs. 21, as we see the sacrifice
accepted. And from vs. 22 on, the wonderful joy of Christ as He declares
what God has done and how as a result of it, a seed will serve God, all
the ends of the world will remember and turn unto the Lord. That would be
a silly thing for an ordinary person to say when delivered from some suffer-
ing,- "All the ends of the world will remember what happened to me, and
turn to the Lord". It is only Christ who could say it, because it was as
the result of His death, described in the first part of the Psalm, that we
have all our blessings. And in vs. 31, "They will come, and declare his