

Grounds of the confidence

- (1) God's holy character vs. 3
- (2) God's dealings with his people in past ages vss. 3b-5

c. A mood of despair again-vss. 6-8

Causes of despair:

- (1) He was ignored by God vs. 6
- (2) He was the victim of scornful persecutors vss. 6-8
  - (a) He was reproached by enemies
    - Matt 11:19—winebibber
    - Luke 23:2—traitor
    - John 10:33—blasphemer
  - (b) He was despised by enemies
    - Matt. 27:39—reviled
    - John 8:41—an illegitimate child
    - Matt 27:44—thieves insulted him
    - Acts 3:14—desired a murderer to be released
  - (c) He was mocked by enemies
    - Matt. 27:39—passersby
    - Luke 23:35—Rulers
    - Matt 27:41-43—chief priests, scribes, and elders
    - Luke 23: 36, 37—soldiers