

When You Are Scorned

Psalm 123

Main Point:

When you are scorned, pray for God's mercy with confidence through Jesus Christ.

1. As a Christian, you will likely be scorned at times.
2. Your response in these times should always be to pray.
3. Because what you need most in these times is the mercy of God.
4. You can expect God's mercy when you pray because of Jesus Christ, your High Priest.

Rhett Dodson "These are people who are complacent and arrogant. They like life the way it is. Sin has lulled them into a false sense of security. They don't want religion to disturb them."

Rhett Dodson "When we are confronted with contempt for our faith, we often face the strong temptation to try to do something within our own power to deflect the criticism we receive."

Allan Harman "The psalmist looks beyond earthly things to the heavenly throne ..."

Charles Spurgeon "We must use our eyes with resolution, for they will not go upward to the Lord of themselves, but they incline to look downward, or inward, or anywhere but to the Lord."

Exodus 34:6 ⁶ And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, (NKJV)

J. Stephen Yuille "This mercy may come in one of two ways: God will either remove us from trouble or he will support us in trouble."

Hebrews 4:15 ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:16 ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)