

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

John 10: 31-42

Today, in the Reading from Jeremiah, and then in the Gospel passage from John, we learn of the cost, or possible cost, of being a witness of God's love.

It is easily apparent that, the more one upholds all that is good and holy, the more will be the opposition. Jeremiah says, "I hear so many disparaging me. Terror on every side." And Jesus, "Yet you say to someone the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming.'" The consequences? A determination to seduce Jeremiah into error, and to arrest Jesus.

The Responsorial psalm holds the answer. "In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard me."..... "My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes."

As God's witnesses, we will always be open to scorn and derision. When we experience opposition let us too turn to God in trust and, with the psalmist, 'Cry to God for help. (that) From his temple he will hear our voice: our cry will come to his ear.'