

Opposition and Confirmation
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Sources of Opposition

- Enemies
- Self
- Brothers

Enemies:

- Anger (v.1 after perhaps a long period of fake smiles and partnership)
- Jeers (v. 1 attacks us in our feebleness)
 - Will they!? 4x
 - Restore? Sacrifice? Finish? Revive?
- Confusion (v.8)

Behold Jesus (hated, mocked, jeered, challenged, "He saved others, himself he cannot save!"; Eph 6 armor)

Self - Weariness at the halfway point:

- Strength is failing (v.10)
- Too much rubble (v.10)
- By ourselves we will not be able (v.10)

Behold Jesus (Author, Finisher; Phil 1:6; Jude 24, 25, Eph 6)

Brothers:

- Great outcry (5:1)
- Borrowed, Slaves (5:4,5)

Behold Jesus (Advocate; Acts 7:56)

- You are exacting interest, each from his brother (5:7)
- Let us abandon this (5:10)

God Does