

NOTES

WHAT DO WE DO WITH HARSH PSALMS?

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

22 APRIL 18 DOCTRINE & DEVOTION

Psalm 3

1. Whose voice has a troubling effect on the psalmist?
2. Instead, to whom does the psalmist raise his voice?
3. What does the psalmist wish God would do to his enemies?

How we can make sense of invective psalms:

- Deep down, we all share the human struggle of inner conflict.
- Historically, their expressions make sense.
- Calls of judgment occur only after love has been extended.
- Sometimes holiness calls for hating the sin that enslaves people.
- Sometimes the absence of anger can be its own alarming sign.
- We should be careful when handling these psalms.
- Psalm 3 itself provides the clue to understanding.