

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Those who trust in the Lord
Are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, *but* abides forever.

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.

³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

⁴ Do good, O Lord, to *those who are* good,
And to *those who are* upright in their hearts.

⁵ As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
The Lord shall lead them away
With the workers of iniquity.
Peace *be* upon Israel!

Psalm 125

1. The significance of Trust in the Lord

Those who trust in the Lord
Are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, *but* abides forever

Psalm 125:1

- a) Those who genuinely trust
- b) They are compared to Mount Zion
- c) They are steadfast and immovable

2. The Lord surrounds Jerusalem

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 125:2

- a) Imagery of powerful mountains surrounding Jerusalem
- b) God surrounds Jerusalem protectively
- c) The Lord is the Keeper of Jerusalem Psalm 121

3. The sceptre of wickedness

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

Psalm 125:3

- a) The scepter is a reference to the reign of a king
 - i) To foreign powers
 - ii) To Israel as a nation
- b) Wickedness must never be allowed to reign
- c) The land allotted is a reference to Israel
- d) The danger exists when the scepter of wickedness reigns
- e) The righteous may be corrupted by iniquity along the way

4. A heartfelt prayer

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Psalm 125:4-5

1. For those who do good to be blessed by the Lord
2. Divine justice to those who turn aside to crooked ways
3. The Lord will lead them away from Jerusalem
4. God will treat them as workers of iniquity and deal with them accordingly
5. A prayer for peace upon Israel