

# GOD PROTECTS HIS CHILDREN Psalm 125

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This is a psalm of confidence or a psalm of trust. One particular view is for the worshippers of God praising Him for the trustworthiness rather than to the deity directly. The psalmist addressing confidence does not diminish the complaint or crisis about enemies or the wicked, but it should indicate the posture of faith that is needed to confront the reality of the crisis.

## Psalm 125

### A Song of Ascents.

"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 forevermore. 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! 5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!"

#### 1. We Find SECURITY in God's PROTECTION. (v1-3)

- Those who <u>TRUST</u> in the Lord have <u>SECURITY</u> by the Lord.
- The Lord <u>RULES</u> over the land that is <u>PURPOSEFULLY</u> given to the <u>RIGHTEOUS</u>.

"On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, 19 the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites." *Genesis* 15:18-21

## 2. We Find Spiritual PURITY for JERUSALEM. (v 4-5)

- Those who do GOOD, delight in God's LAW and mediates on it.
- Those who do <u>EVIL</u>, live apart from God's <u>WAYS</u> and their paths lead to DESTRUCTION.

"For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. **29** But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God." **Romans 2:28-29** 

"But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, **7** and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." **Romans 9:6-7** 

#### Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.