



Lesson #6: Security Along the Journey (Psalm 125)

Psalm 125 is a Triumph Psalm. As we read this Psalm its theme can be summed up in one word: _____. The psalmist writes to tell us that though the circumstances of this world may be volatile and crazy, God's people live under His protection.

Some theologians have called the Psalms of Ascent "_____ to the heart of God." Each of these psalms builds upon the next. That's another reason why we call them the Psalms of *Ascent*. Psalm 125 now takes the _____ of Psalm 121 and the holy city of Psalm 122 and combines them into a new image showing that God's people are safe and secure.

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount zion, which cannot be moved" (125:1)

Psalm 125 states three simple but profound truths that show us that we have a rock solid assurance that we are secure.

YOU HAVE A ROCK SOLID ASSURANCE FOR THE _____ (125:1-2)

Those who trust in the Lord are safe and secure because of the foundations that have already been laid.

- A. Because of what has already been done you have _____ from God**
The psalmist says in verse 1 that those who put their full weight on the Lord and completely trust in Him, cannot be moved or literally "shaken." He uses the analogy of Mount Zion to make that point. Certainly a mountain has stability. Even so, our God is _____ and _____ and He will never _____. Someone has rightly said, "I can't, but God can."
- B. Because of what has already been done you have _____ from God**
Verse 2 compares the surrounding mounts to God's protection in your life. The Lord is not simply on your side, but he surrounds you on _____ side. You can't be much safer than that!

YOU HAVE A ROCK SOLID ASSURANCE FOR THE _____ (125:3)

Verse 3 talks about the present rule of the wicked and the potential sin of the righteous. And it teaches us that the inheritance of the righteous is kept safe and secure even when present situations seem to be out of control.

- A. God's presence will _____ you**
Notice that verse 3 says your inheritance is kept safe from the present attacks of the wicked. It teaches us something very important about the wicked. The present rule of the wicked will not last forever. Spurgeon said, "The saints abide forever, but their _____ do not." Evil is temporary but good lasts for ever. The power of the wicked will be broken.
- B. God's presence will _____ you**
Can I lose my salvation? Am I going to lose my inheritance in heaven? The answer is _____. Not only is your heavenly inheritance kept safe from the wicked but you are kept safe to _____ it. There is a great deal of security that is found in that promise.

YOU HAVE A ROCK SOLID ASSURANCE FOR THE _____ (125:4-5)

Verse 3 talks about the present rule of the wicked and the potential sin of the righteous. And it teaches us that the inheritance of the righteous is kept safe and secure even when present situations seem to be out of control.

- A. God will bring ultimate _____ to those who are _____**
Notice that verse 4 is a prayer. That is because none of us _____ God's goodness. So who are the "good" in this verse? The "good" here are not the morally perfect but those who trust in the Lord. This is not a verse about works but a verse about _____.
- B. God will bring ultimate _____ to those who are _____**
God will do good to those who are good, and God will judge those who do evil. This is the _____ of God. The word "crooked" in verse 5 means "devious" and stands in direct contrast to "straight" in verse 4. There must be a _____ between good and evil. This psalm ends with the perfect distillation of the Gospel. In fulfilling His eternal plan God will bless His people and will condemn evil doers.

Concluding Thoughts

Look around. The circumstances of this world are volatile at best. If there is any hope of security it doesn't seem to be showing itself very clearly. But notice how Psalm 125 ends. It ends with _____. Many people dwell on shaky ground because they don't know peace. But true peace is impossible apart from God. If you are in Christ, then you can find peace knowing you are secure. **Nothing can shake those who are _____ for God.**