

Be Immoveable:
Trust in the Lord
Psalms 125

Lesson 2: Psalms of Guidance

June 26, 2022

Psalms 125 – A Song of Ascents

Psalms 125:1, *“They that trust in Jehovah are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.”*

Setting: Verses 1-2 COMPARISON

- Then mount Zion.
- A mountain is an emblem of firmness and stability.
 - This must have been either the idea that Zion was particularly strong by position.
 - It was under the divine protection, and was therefore safe. (cf. Psalms 34:7; Zechariah 2:5, *“For I, saith Jehovah, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her.”*)

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Psalms 125:2, *“As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so Jehovah is round about his people from this time forth and for evermore.”*

Setting: Verses 1-2 COMPARISON

NOTE: Matthew 23ff; Hebrews 12:22ff

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Psalms 125:3, *“For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; that the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity.”*

Verse 3 EXPLANATION

- “The rod” – i.e., the sceptre of the wicked world-power.
- Messiah’s sceptre shall at last break the pagan sceptre (Psalms 2:9; 45:6).
- If the dominion of the ungodly were allowed always to oppress the righteous, the faith and patience of these latter might fail. The temptation might, if too long protracted, overcome the saints (cf. Asaph’s temptation, Psalms 73:13).
- NOTE: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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Psalms 125:4, *“Do good, O Jehovah, unto those that are good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.”*

Verse 4 REQUEST

- Let them be under the divine protection.
- Possibly a prayer, but is expressive of the belief of the psalmist as to what would occur under the divine administration – that the favor of God would rest upon His people.
- **However, consider ... Matthew 12:43–45**

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Psalms 125:5, *“But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, Jehovah will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.”*

Verse 5 CONTRAST

- They will go the way of those whom the Lord has said will go to destruction.
- God will lead them away from those who trust in the Lord.
- These are those who cease to do “good.”
- Compare Ezekiel 33:12-13; Matthew 7:22-23; 25:11-12.

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- But “peace shall be upon Israel.”
- Upon the real Israel; upon the true people of God.
Galatians 6:16; Isaiah 54:13; 55:12; 57:2; 66:12;
John 14:27; 16:33; Ephesians 2:17; Philippians 4:7.

FAITH’S RESPONSE TO FEAR

Psalms 11

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¹ In Jehovah do I take refuge: how say ye to my soul, flee (as) a bird to your mountain;
² For, lo, the wicked bend the bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
³ If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
⁴ Jehovah is in his holy temple; Jehovah, his throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
⁵ Jehovah trieth the righteous; but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
⁶ Upon the wicked he will rain snares; fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.
⁷ For Jehovah is righteous; He loveth righteousness: the upright shall behold his face.

Psalms 11
Faith’s Response To Fear

Psalms 11:1, “In Jehovah do I take refuge”

- Trust in Jehovah. Jehovah is man’s refuge and defense.
- Setting: Personal peril.
 - Friends urge David to flee ... from whom?
 - From Saul?
 - From Absalom?

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Faith’s Response To Fear

Psalms 11:1-3, “... flee (as) a bird to your mountain; For, lo, the wicked bend the bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart; If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

- Reject The Advice Of The Fearful:
 - Flee.
 - The wicked will destroy you.
 - Nothing you can do.

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- Answer of Faith.
 1. God sits on His heavenly throne and watches people (verse 4). The Lord rules not men.
 2. God examines and tests the righteous (verse 5). (cf. Job 23:10; Psalms 66:10).

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3. God hates the wicked and the violent (verse 5).

4. God will judge and punish the wicked (verse 6).
(Psalms 75:8; Jeremiah 25:15-17;
Revelation 14:10).

5. God is righteous and loves justice and will reward the righteous (verse 7).

(2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 20:15); *"they shall see His face"* (Revelation 22:4-5;
Psalms 17:15).