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Text: Psalm 125

Title: "They that trust in the LORD"

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Introduction:

Degrees comes from a root word that means "ascents" or to "go up, as ascending stairs.

There are 15 of these Psalms in order.

The 125th Psalm does not have an authors name attached to it; thus, we do not know for certain who wrote the Psalm, most believe that King Hezekiah was the author.

The theme of this Psalm is laid out in the first 6 words of the Psalm:

"They that trust in the LORD"

1. You can trust him **Personally**.

Psalm 18:2 **The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.**

Psalm 34:8 **O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.**

Psalm 91:2 **I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.**

2. You can trust him with your **Path**.

Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

3. You can trust him **Preeminently**.

Psalm 118:8-9 **It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.**

You can trust the LORD when People and Politicians let you down! (By the way, they will let you down every time)

4. You can trust him with your **Problems**.

Job 13:15 **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.**

You can trust Jesus!

We will consider this Psalm both **Prophetically** and **Practically**.

End of Introduction:

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I. A Steadfast Position. Vs 1

1. We note a Comparison. Vs 1a

“They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion”

Mt. Zion is the name of an Old Jebusite stronghold in Jerusalem and when David became King over Israel, they opposed him, but God gave him victory!

2 Samuel 5:6-7 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

Zion means a Castle.

Throughout the Psalms it used as a comparison to Jerusalem.

2. We note a Confidence. Vs 1b

“which cannot be removed,”

The Psalmist in this text is stating that Zion cannot be removed.

Prophetically this refers to the fact that even through the Tribulation period when the world will be turned upside down that Jerusalem will still remain!

Practically to the child of God we have confidence in the Rock that we are on!

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

3. We note a Continuation. Vs 1c

“but abideth for ever.”

This word means to remain, to dwell.

For ever- means everlasting, evermore, perpetual, for a long time!

The Wicked will be cut down and destroyed, but the They that trust in the LORD will never be removed!

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II. A Surrounded Protection. Vs 2

1. We note a **Type**. Vs 2a

“As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,”

They tell us that no matter where you are in Jerusalem you will see the hills.

The Mt. of Olives is on the East side of the city.

On the Southwest side of the city there is Mt. Offense.

On the South is the Hill of the Evil council.

To the North was rugged country with hills.

2. We note a **Truth**. Vs 2b

“so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.”

The mountains around Jerusalem were not the defense of the city, but for the enemy to get to Jerusalem they would have to go through those mountains!

John 10:3-4 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

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III. A Sure Promise. Vs 3

1. The **Rod** of the **Wicked**.

“For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;”

The rod of the wicked speaks of their power and authority.

In this verse we are reminded of the:

A. **Presence** of the Enemy.

B. **Power** of the Enemy.

2. The **Reassurance** of the **Word**.

“shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;”

Prophetically- The word “rest” in this text means that the Rod of the Wicked will not have an eternal rule or reign upon the Righteous.

Prophetically this refers to the fact that Israel has been under attack concerning their land since Bible days.

But there is coming a day when Israel's land will no longer be under attack, and there will be Peace in Jerusalem!

Isaiah 11:3-10

Practically- Sin and Wickedness may reign now, but there is coming a day!

3. The Rejected Way.

“lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.”

Practically speaking in this text, he gives us this promise that the Wicked will not win so that God's people would not become discouraged.

If we are not careful, we will see the reign of the wicked, and within ourselves “what's the use to live for God?”

But we have a promise that one day every wrong will be made right!

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IV. A Spoken Prayer. Vs 4

1. He is asking God to bless the Good. Vs 4a

“Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good,”

Those that are trusting in the LORD have a desire for God to bless those who are doing good!

2. He is asking God to bless the Godly. Vs 4b

“and to them that are upright in their hearts.”

The Psalmist wanted the best for God's people!

V. A Sweet Peace. Vs 5

1. The Direction. Vs 5a

“As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,”

The word “Crooked” in this verse refers to being devious.

2. The Discipline. Vs 5b

“the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity:”

Those who want to reject God and go down the path of sin, God will allow them to do so.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

3. The Declaration. Vs 5c

“but peace shall be upon Israel.”

Again we can consider this verse both Prophetically and Practically.

Prophetically this refers to the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ, when he rules on this earth for 1,000 years.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The reason there will be Peace, will because the Prince of Peace is seated on the Throne!

Practically this teaches the people of God a valuable lesson, there is Peace in Trusting the LORD!

Conclusion:

Even though this Psalm primarily deals with the nation of Israel and prophecies concerning the future days we can learn from this text that those that Trust in the LORD will enjoy and experience some great benefits!