

# Deborah's Song

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## PSALM 125

### *Immovable - The Great Security of the People of God*

Like the other Songs of Ascents, this Psalm was for Israelites on their way to Jerusalem for one of the three major annual feasts of Israel. Those coming to Jerusalem would see the mountains and sing this song, recognizing there is spiritual application that can be pulled from the visible geography.

*“We can imagine the pilgrims chanting this song when [walking] the city walls.”*

*– Charles Spurgeon*

Read Psalm 125 to yourself and quickly jot down your initial thoughts.

**125** Those who trust in the LORD  
Are like Mount Zion,  
Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
So the LORD surrounds His people  
From this time forth and forever.  
<sup>3</sup> For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
On the land allotted to the righteous,  
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.  
<sup>4</sup> Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
And to those who are upright in their hearts.  
<sup>5</sup> 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!

## Word Study Deep Dive

**125** Those who trust in (*have confidence, are confident and set their hope in*) the LORD (*the Existing One*) are like Mount Zion,

Which cannot (*totter*) be moved (*overthrown or greatly shaken*), but abide (*sit, caused to dwell and remain – the weight of marriage*) forever.

<sup>2</sup> As the mountain (*hill country*) surrounds (*placed round about*) Jerusalem,  
So the LORD (*the Existing One*) surrounds (*is placed round about*) His people (*nations, kindred compatriots*)

From this time forth (*from ancient*) and forever (*everlasting, evermore perpetually*).

<sup>3</sup> For the scepter (*rod, staff, mark of authority, tribe*) of wickedness (*wrong, guilty, wickedness as violence and crime against civil law and ethical relations*) shall not rest (*settle down and remain, repose, to be left or placed*)

On (*upon, on the ground of, over*) the land (*portion*) allotted (*reckoned, as retribution*) to the righteous (*just, righteous in conduct, character, as justified and vindicated by God*)

Lest (*on account of, to the intent that*) the righteous (*just, righteous in conduct, character, as justified and vindicated by God*) reach out (*put forth, stretch out and extend, let loose, send off, divorce*) their hands (*physical hand of man, strength, power, monuments, support*) to iniquity (*injustice, violent deeds of injustice, unrighteousness*).

<sup>4</sup> Do good (*be pleasing, be joyful, be well with and good for, comely, act rightly*), O LORD, (*the Existing One*) to those who are good (*pleasant, agreeable, of good understanding, kind, morally good, better/comparative*)

And to those who are upright (*straight, correct, just, straightforward, pleasing, level*) in their hearts.

<sup>5</sup> As for such as turn aside (*stretch out, extend, incline, bend down, spread out*) to their crooked (*winding, devious*) ways,

The LORD (*the Existing One*) shall lead (*walk, move, die, carry, cause to walk*) them away  
With (*near, together in relationship*) the workers (*makers, doers*) of iniquity (*trouble, sorrow, idolatry*).

[but] Peace (*completeness in number, safety, soundness, welfare, health, prosperity, peace, quit, tranquility and contentment, friendship with God in covenant relationship*) be upon (*on the ground of, above, beyond, over of excess*) Israel (*God prevails*)!

- **“Those who trust in the LORD”**

Some people “are like the sand”, ever shifting and unstable (Matthew 7:26).

Some people “are like the sea”, restless and unsettled (Isaiah 57:20, James 1:6).

Some people “are like the wind”, uncertain and inconsistent (Ephesians 4:14).

But those who trust in the LORD “are like Mount Zion” ...

*Note that “Lord” is written in all uppercase letters - this indicated that (in Hebrew) the name of God being used here is יהוה(YHWH). The theological significance of this holy name of God speaks to the perpetual testimony to his power, sovereignty, faithfulness and promises. Its usage conveys the thought that God is ever-present with his people to save, help, deliver, bless, and keep His covenants. This name He revealed to Moses and remains a God who will personally reveal himself to those who abide in Him.*

We cannot properly put our trust in Him until we remove our trust (or fear) in other things. He alone is our refuge and strength.

*What/who do I trust? What do I fear?*

*What brings me a sense of security?*

*Where am I looking for clarity in my life? What do I believe will bring it?*

- **The geography of Mount Zion**

Mount Zion is not the highest peak in the mountain range around Jerusalem. To its east is the Mount of Olives, to its north is Mount Scopus, and to the west and south are other hills. All of these are higher than Mount Zion, but Mount Zion remains naturally secure thanks to the placement within the mountain range. We too, are situated by God in a place of protection.

- **Righteousness & Goodness**

- of the land
- of the heart

*Think of impactful events in your life.*

*What was the posture of your heart in adversity?*

*In blessing?*

The ‘good and upright in heart’ are they who stand steady in every change of circumstances, believing everything He enacts is the best.

- **A Warning**

- For those who turn aside to their crooked ways **in unresponsiveness to God** the LORD will lead them away with those who do evil
- Cultural acceptance vs. Biblical best

- **Peace**