1 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!

-Psalm 125:1-5

Recap of Context: Psalms of Ascent

- These Psalms (120-134) were sang by Jews on their pilgrimages back to the temple in Jerusalem

- Three festivals they back to Jerusalem for annually: Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover), Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), & Feast of Booths

We have security in God's Protection vs. 1-3

(Ps. 121- Creator & Sustainer of All)   *Mt. Zion = (Ps. 87) God presence was amongst his people*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but

Mtns. = Stability, Permanence, Immovability, Safety

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his people, from this time forth and forevermore. 3 For the scepter of

Scepter = Political Power (Most likely foreign king)

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righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who

are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! 5 But those who turn

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God's Protection doesn't mean a life immune from suffering.
It does mean hope for us the midst of it (Jhn. 16:33).

We have security in God's Provision vs. 4

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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

Good = God accomplishing His purposes through the very circumstances that threaten us

righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who

God keeps our long term in view -> Conformity to His Son (Rmns. 8:28-30

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

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"God's primary goal is not changing our situations and relationships where we can be happy, but changing us through our situations and relationships so that we will be holy." -Paul Tripp

We have security in God's Preservation vs. 5

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Day of reckoning in view

-Psalm 125:1-5

"When the heart no longer feels the truth of hell, the gospel passes from good news to simply news." – John Piper

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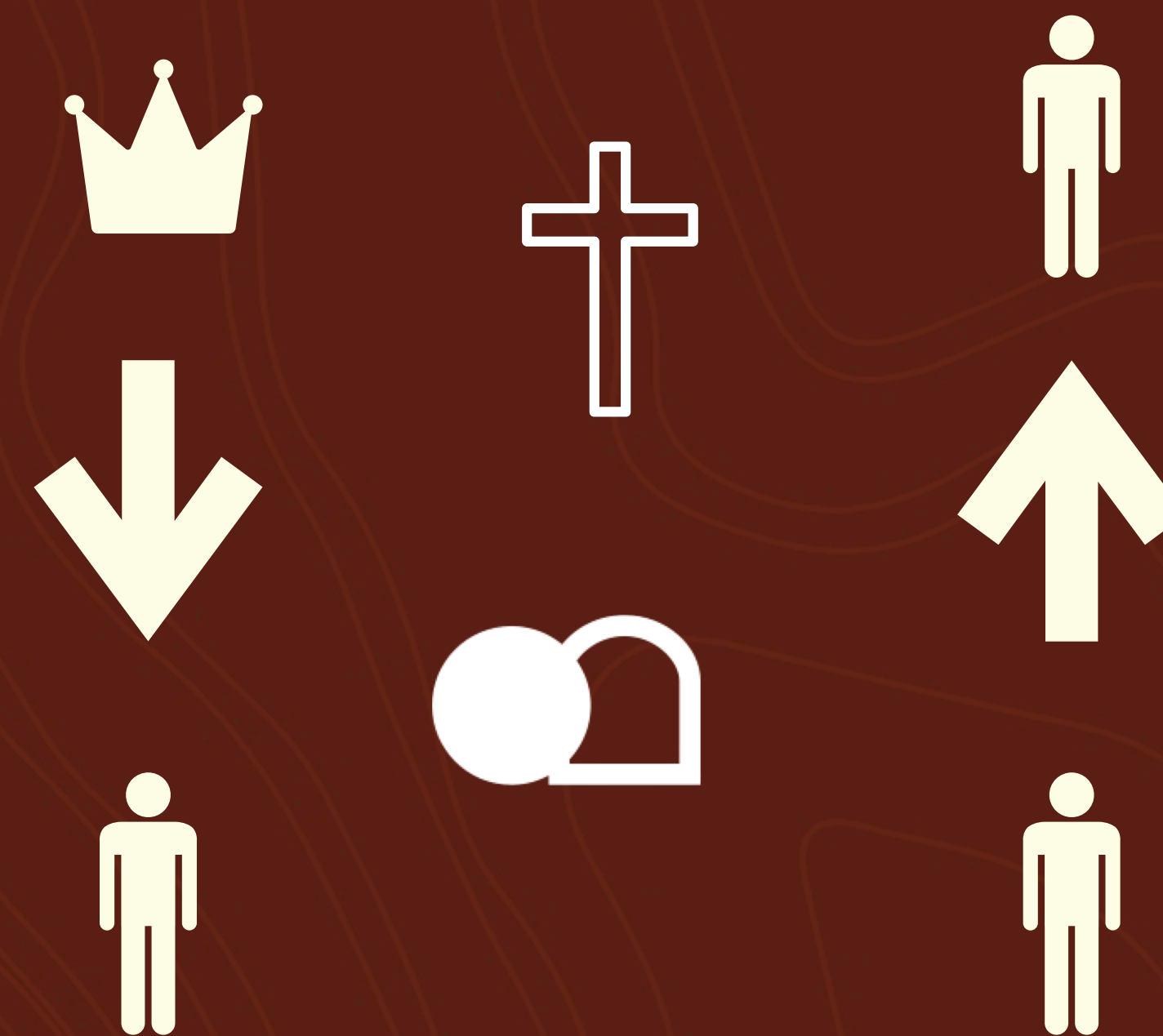
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Two Ways To View The Gospel

Universal Significance

Personal Significance

- God is reconciling ALL things to Himself (Col. 1:20)
- Inaugurated a New Creation
- A creation that no longer groans for restoration

- God has reconciled us to Himself (Col. 1:21-22)
- Formerly alienated & hostile brought near
- Our sin, the barrier of peace, put on Christ

Christ is the security of all securities believer. Because it's in Christ that all protection, provision, and preservation finds it's ultimate yes & amen. This is all about Him.