

COMFORT & CONFIDENCE FOR THE JOURNEY! PSALM 125

(A Pillow for the Journey)

To prepare for, begin, & continue in a journey requires some kind of confidence...that I can actually make the journey!

1. For the Believer: Security!

Psalm 125:1 They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, Which **cannot** be removed, but abideth **forever**.

Psalm 125:2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, So the LORD is round about his people **From henceforth even forever**.

Psalm 125:3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; Lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Psalm 125:4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, And to them that are upright in their hearts.

As is often the case, the Psalmist describes the believer several different ways:

- They trust in the Lord (1)
- His people (2)
- The righteous (3)

In what way?

- Those who are (relatively) good (4)
- The upright in heart 4)

So, how do we know we, as believers, will make it?

A. Believers as Mt Zion cannot be moved / removed!

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never (οὐ μὴ) perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is **greater than all** (μείζων πάντων); and **no man is able** (οὐδεὶς δύναται) to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

B. Believers as Mt Zion abide forever (x 2!!!)

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Ecclesiastes 3:14 I **know** that, **whatsoever God doeth**, it shall be **forever**: **nothing** can be put to it, **nor** any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, **that** men should fear before him.

C. Believers are surrounded by the Lord Himself!

Psalm 125:2 **As** the mountains are round about Jerusalem, **So the LORD is round about his people** From henceforth even forever.

Fear is part of the human condition.

Doubts often follow fear.

Both arise from real concerns.

The Psalmist takes this much farther than mere eternal security!

Our security is in the Lord Himself.

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep **by** name, and leadeth them out.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and **know my sheep, and am known of mine**.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and **I know them**, and they follow me:

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye **have known God** (γνόντες θεόν), or rather are **known of**

(γνωσθέντες ὑπὸ θεοῦ) **God**, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Jeremiah 1:4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **Jeremiah 1:5** **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;** and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.** **And,** Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good **to** them that love God, **to** them who are the called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:29** **For whom he did foreknow,** he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Romans 8:30** Moreover **whom** he did predestinate, **them** he also called: and **whom** he called, **them** he also justified: and **whom** he justified, **them** he also glorified.

Amos 3:2 You **only have I known** of all the families of the earth: Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

D. Believers are never tempted beyond his / her ability!

Psalms 125:3 For the rod of the wicked shall **not** rest upon the lot of the righteous; **Lest** the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will **not** suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

E. Believers are the recipients of prayer.

Psalms 125:4 **Do good,** O LORD, unto those that be good, **And** to them that are upright in their hearts.

John 17:9 **I pray for them:** I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, **keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me,** that they may be one, as we are.

John 17:15 I pray **not** that thou shouldest take them out of the world, **but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

John 17:24 Father, **I will that they also,** whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **And if any man sin, we have an advocate with (πρὸς τὸν πατέρα) the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, **seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is **not** entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

2. For the Unbeliever | Make – believer: Insecurity!

Psalms 125:5 As for such as **turn aside** unto **their crooked ways,** The LORD shall lead **them** forth with the workers of iniquity: But peace shall be upon Israel.

3. For all Believers - of all ages: More than security!

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