

Surrounded by the Lord
Psalm 125
February 9, 2025

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1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion.
It cannot be shaken; it remains forever.
2 The mountains surround Jerusalem
and the LORD surrounds his people,
both now and forever.
3 The scepter of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous will not apply their hands to injustice.
4 Do what is good, LORD, to the good,
to those whose hearts are upright.
5 But as for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will banish them with the evildoers.
Peace be with Israel.

1. Intro
 1. Main Idea - Eternal Peace is found in Eternal Security
 1. The Lord protects his people (1-2)
 2. The Lord delivers from evil (3)
 3. Do we trust in the Lord's goodness? (4-5a)
 4. Eternal Peace is found in Christ (5b)
2. The Lord protects his people
 1. Mount Zion
 2. The Mountains Surround
 3. God made the mountains
 1. Psalm 91.4
3. The Lord delivers from evil
 1. The Scepter won't remain
 1. Joseph's Life - Genesis 50
 2. He makes his enemies a footstool
 1. Psalm 110.1
 1. Acts 2.34-35
 2. Hebrews 1.13
 3. Hebrews 10.13
 4. 1 Corinthians 15.25
 2. Not just for himself but for us
 3. Christ tempted by Satan
 1. Luke 4.5-8 - 5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 And Jesus

answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

2. He refused the scepter so that we can also
4. Do we trust the Lord's goodness?
 1. Psalm 145.8-9 - 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate slow to anger and great in faithful love. 9 The Lord is good to everyone; his compassion rests on all he has made.
 1. Its like telling the sun to shine
 2. Like telling the mountains to be majestic
 2. He makes your heart good
 1. Ezekiel 36.26-27 - 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances.
 3. He punishes the evil -
 1. You would take the scepter
 2. 1st John 2.19 - They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.
5. Peace be on Israel
 1. John 14.27
 2. Trust His Protection
 3. Let him protect you

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- When is a time you felt the protection of the Lord?
- What does this psalm teach us about the goodness and justice of God?
- How have you felt the temptation to take up the scepter? What do you think would've happened?
- Do you believe the Lord will remove you from your hardships/trials before you are drawn into sin? When have you tried to do it on your own and failed?
- How can you live differently knowing that Christ, by his sacrifice has built the mountains around you? In what ways do we try to take matters into our own hands?
- From your Life Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?