



28 JUNE 2026 AM

Psalm 125

SHORT SUMMER PSALMS:
TENACIOUS
= firmly holding on

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:35-37

INTRODUCTION

- this morning, we continue our series of messages under the heading **SHORT SUMMER PSALMS**

we have looked at **Psalm 43, 70, and 93**

- this morning, we will look at **Psalm 125**

notice its superscription: **A Song Of Degrees**

there are **15** of these **120-134**

for years, I was taught these were the songs pilgrims sang as they traveled to Jerusalem in order to observe the feasts

but there is another explanation I have come across recently that is interesting to consider:

 **2 Kings 20:1, 6, 8-11**

Isaiah 38:20

The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

1. THE CONSECRATED BELIEVER

...for ever 2x

SAFETY IN MOUNTAINS verses 1-2

They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which can-not be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

Jerusalem is unique among ancient cities: it was not built near a source of water, but was nestled among the rolling hills of Judah

Mount of Olives

Mount Calvary

Mount Scopus

Mount of Offence

Mount Herzl

Temple Mount

Psalm 121:1-2

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

the psalmist is trusting in the promises of God

NOTE: if this refers to Hezekiah, then the king is trusting God to deliver His people from the Assyrians

just as the mountains can't be removed and helped provide safety against invading armies, so God would protect His people

Psalm 1:3

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

SECURITY IN MEMORY verses 3-4

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

here is a general truth: bad things do happen to good people

satan is always roaming about, seeking someone to devour **1 Peter 5:8**

but notice the qualifier here: **shall not rest**

this phrase means **to continue forever**

in other places we read 'it came to pass'

Isaiah 14:5

The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers.

the danger often times is being shortsighted...we see that good people are the targets of evil and we fail to see how God blesses those who do good

Romans 8:28 all things work...

the idea of doing good is not necessarily an immediate request, but for God to follow the pattern of those who do good

as our lives take on the pattern of doing good, God rewards that pattern with outcomes related to it

Luke 6:38

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

but the larger promise here is the security of the believer in Christ:

 **Romans 8:35-39**

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Timothy 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 4:18

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2. THE CROOKED BAD MAN **verse 5a**

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity...

to quote Mother Goose:

There was a crooked man
And he walked a crooked mile,
And he found a crooked sixpence
Upon a crooked stile [stair];
He bought a crooked cat
And it caught a crooked mouse,
And they all lived together
In a little crooked house.

the idea behind this verse is the reality that a crooked man likes his crooked life: his dealings are crooked, he uses his crooked money to buy crooked things, and he likes to see others as crooked as himself

the Bible has much to say about crooked men:

Proverbs 2:11-15

Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

Isaiah 59:8

The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Philippians 2:15

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

and where will God lead them? into judgment

Psalms 5:5

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Job 34:22

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

Luke 13:27

But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

3. THE COVERED BASTION **verse 5b**

...but peace shall be upon Israel.

in the immediate context of the psalm, there is the promise of peace for the people of God...

against the Assyrians?

in the reign of the next king?

Psalm 122:6

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.

the prayer for the peace of Jerusalem always included the idea God would be on the throne and His people would follow...like He was before the nation chose their own king **theocracy**

despite the rumblings in our world today, God made a promise to Abraham that he and his heirs would inhabit certain boundaries

Genesis 15:18

Ezekiel 37:26

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

likewise, God promised Christ will sit on the throne of David and rule for 1,000 years

Revelation 20:4

and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

God will always have the last word...His promises can be trusted and His plans will be fulfilled

His eye is on Israel; He is keeping watch over the wicked...and He will never forget about you