



### Psalm 125 – March 16 – 31

<sup>1</sup> Those who **trust** in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

<sup>4</sup> LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

<sup>5</sup> But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel

The Hebrew word for “trust,” means *hastening for refuge in the Lord, to have confidence in Him and to be secure in Him*. This 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm of Ascent steps us into three precious promises God makes to those who trust Him.

#### **Promise 1: You will be established, firm and steadfast.**

Ask the Lord if there is an area of your life where it is hard for you to trust Him. If there is, identify where you [mis] place your trust. (on self, in others, in finances or position) Confess this to the Lord. Then in faith realign your confidence and trust in God and rest secure. Jeremiah 17:5, Luke 16:13, 1 Cor.15:58

#### **Promise 2: The Lord will surround you with His loving presence.**

There is a saying, “Mountains surround Jerusalem like a mother’s arms around a baby.” Read aloud, Ps 37:3, Zechariah 2:5, Nahum 1:7, Samuel 22:3-4 and thank God for His loving and protective presence in your life and also for the land and people of Israel.

#### **Promise 3: There is a Kingdom Principle of Protection; the Lord puts a limit to the tyranny of the wicked to keep the righteous from yielding and doing evil.** 1 P 4:12-19, Matt 24:22, Nahum 1:1-3

#### **Prayer:**

Father we pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that you will protect and deliver them from the wicked. Work your righteousness and justice on their behalf. Strengthen them and help them, uphold them with your right hand so they will not fear or be dismayed. Thank you Abba Father you are faithful and will not let these ones be tempted beyond what you they can bear for you will provide a way out so that they will be able to endure it. For you, O LORD, are a shield around them. Arise, LORD! Deliver! Strike the enemy on the jaw; and break the teeth of the wicked. For you Lord are the Mighty Deliverer and from you comes deliverance and blessing to your people. (2 Thessalonians 3:2-3, Psalm 103:5-6, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 3)