

Trust In the Lord with All Your Heart

Psalm 125

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Peace for Israel only comes when we trust our good King. This text serves us so well this morning because, the fact is, effect cannot outrun cause.

I. Trust God (1)

*1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

What do we mean when we talk about trust? A firm conviction in the reliability of someone or something.

How do we come to this trust?

God had revealed the trustworthiness of His promises to Peter.

Matthew Henry said “all who deal with God must deal upon trust, and he will give comfort to those only who give credit to Him and make it appear they do so, by quitting other confidences and venturing to utmost for God.”

II. God is Faithful (2)

*2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.*

There are two clauses in this verse that are used to describe the Lord surrounding his people.

1. As the mountains surround Jerusalem
The mountains around Jerusalem made the city feel like a caldron according to Ezekiel 11:3.
2. From this time forth and forevermore

The word picture effectively communicates that what the mountains seemed to be, the Lord is. He is a faithful fortress for all of His people. Not only today but forever.

III. God is Righteous (3)

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.

The historical context of this psalm probably fits into the age of Ezra and Nehemiah. It reflects a time when the Jews were in their land, but the land was dominated by a foreign power.

Boice says “This is very like the condition of God’s people at any time in history. We live in the world by God’s decree. We are to be an influence for good, but we do not rule the world. The world is ruled by largely secular people operating through secular governments.”
Civil government does not always perform well.

Matthew 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

In verse 3, we have a *promise*. The wicked will not rule over the people of God forever but there will be a rescue eventually.

The rod of the unrighteous does come on God's people in every generation but the promise is that it does not stay.

IV. God is Just (4-5)

*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!*

The upright are those who trust God. They can expect God to do good and deal with them accordingly, He is just. In other words, "No man ever perished who lived and died fighting against sin." (Plumer)

For the upright, God's justice is not just His tenderness toward those who are His but His justice toward those who are crooked.

Those of us who most resemble a reed blowing in the wind are as stable as Mount Zion. Because God is trustworthy, I trust in the Lord and I hope you will too.

Conclusion:

Why it's important:

What about Christ:

Disciples Should:
