

“Righteously Unmovable”
Psalm 125
A Song of Ascents

Introduction: As the people of God began their trek to the temple they would sing and shout to the Lord. They would recount the greatness and deliverance that God had provided. This song of ascent brought memories of the deliverance of God for the righteous. The righteous are under God’s protection. We may endure trials but joy always comes in the morning.

I am inclined to admonish you to walk closely with Christ so that you will fall under the grace of God. Yes, the Lord will protect us in ignorance, but the presumptuous sins of the flesh will remove you from the protection and guidance of the Lord.

Israel was always a winner in battle until they disrobed the Lord. The kings and the people were both responsible for the loss of life and military battles. Saul often disobeyed the Lord. He also paid the price. Samuel had to discipline the king.

1 Sam 15:22-23

22 But Samuel replied:

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
he has rejected you as king."

NIV

Verse 1: Those who trust in the Lord are those who are following closely in obedience. We trust God to work things out and refuse

to use human means in front of the plans of God. Mount Zion is the most solid piece of real-estate in the Middle-East. It's not going anywhere. As a matter of fact, it cannot be shaken. It is not going away, ever. That means that the people of Zion will also never be moved.

Verse 2: The Lord has surrounded the people of God. They are as solid as the mountains. They will one day be the righteous people of God.

Ezek 36:26-32

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. 30 I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. 32 I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign Lord. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, O house of Israel!

NIV

Rom 11:1-5

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah — how he appealed to God against Israel: 3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? 4 And what was

God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

NIV

Rom 11:11-12

11 Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

NIV

Rom 11:13-16

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

NIV

Rom 11:25-27

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from **Zion**;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
27 And this is my covenant with them
when I take away their sins."

NIV

Verse 3: The wicked will not always rule. God will pay back in full. The land was allotted to them. The Hebrew word for allot is **goral**. This refers to a small stone as a symbol of an allotment. This is symbolic of something that was allotted to another. This was a small pebble. This is a destination or a portion referring to the whole.

When we bought the property of WBC, I came over and got a stone and put it on my desk as a symbol or portion of the whole. It reminded me to pray, and to seek God about this property when we were in need of a home.

God says that the land of Israel, or Zion, is their allotted place. God will remove the evil from the land and protect the Jews from unrighteousness. He will keep them from doing evil. God will even help us not to sin, if we walk closely to him.

Verse 4: I have never been one to bribe God or promise righteousness and obedience for blessing because I feel like that is the least we can do as loving and thankful children of God. But I do know that the blessings of the righteous is something to be prayed for. James says, “we have not cause we ask not.” Ask on brother, ask on!!!

Lord, do good to the upright in heart.

Verse 5: The results of a wicked life. Things just workout for the righteous. God works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called to His purposes. If you are not in love with the Lord, and do not seek His purpose, you just get the results of sinful behavior.

The word **banish** is awful. Those who “**turn**” to crooked ways will be **banished** with the evildoers.

- **Turn- natah.** This refers to moral deflection, to stretch, or bend away. Pretty close to the NT word apostasy. This is a turning away or from the things of God to do evil. This is to turn aside, away, down, to incline or be gone.
- **Banish- yalak.** This means to go down, to carry away, depart, to cause or make to go away. To lead forth or march out. The person vanishes. Gone. Put out!

The apostates get banished. Do not turn from the truth.

Heb 6:4-6

4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,
 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

NIV

To fall aside- parapipto. Para- beside, pipto- to fall. To apostatize.

Peace be unto Israel. What does that mean? It means that we are praying for Messiah to come and save them.