

Declarative Confidence

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"A Song of Ascents."

IN ONE SENTENCE



Those who trust the LORD are as unshakable as Mount Zion, for he surrounds his people as mountains surround Jerusalem.

Remember it: One-twenty-five: mountains ring Jerusalem, and the LORD rings his people.

MEMORY VERSE

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so
Yahweh surrounds his people from this time
forward and forever more.

Psalms 125:2 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

סָבִיב

"around" · verse 2

In the Psalms: nineteen times, in 15 psalms

סָבִיב means "around" or "all around," surrounding on every side. Zechariah uses it when the LORD promises to be a wall of fire around Jerusalem. In verse 2 it appears twice: the mountains are around Jerusalem, and the LORD is around his people, a ring that does not break.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1-2 Those who trust the LORD are steady as Mount Zion

3 Wickedness will not rule the land of the righteous

4-5 Do good to the upright; peace be on Israel

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 125 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/125.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble

Zion & the House of God

God Will Not Abandon You

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Those who _____ the LORD are as _____ as Mount Zion, for he surrounds his people as mountains surround _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What are those who trust in the LORD like?

(A) A tree by the water

(C) A strong tower

(B) Mount Zion, which can't be moved

(D) An eagle in flight

2. What won't remain over the land of the righteous?

(A) The rain

(C) The temple

(B) The clouds

(D) The scepter of wickedness

3. What is the final blessing of the psalm?

(A) Peace be on Israel

(C) Bless the LORD, my soul

(B) Joy to the world

(D) Amen and amen

TALK IT OVER

1. What two pictures of mountains does the psalm use, and what does each one teach?

2. What does it mean that the LORD "surrounds" his people? How is that different from just being nearby?

3. When life feels shaky, what practices help you stand like Mount Zion?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 125 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 2 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: trust · unshakable · Jerusalem · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. D (v. 3) · 3. A (v. 5)