

Ps. 125 Discussion Questions

Read Psalm 125

1. The Psalmist begins the Psalm by declaring the steadfastness of those who trust in the Lord. What does it look like to trust God? How does or should your trust for God affect our attitudes and actions towards significant people and situations in your life right now?

2. In. vv. 1-2, the Psalmist illustrates the security of those who trust in him with two similes that both involve mountains and the city of Jerusalem/Zion. What is significant about Jerusalem for the author?

a. Where is God's presence found for the NT believer?

b. Why was being near the presence of God so important to the Jews?

c. How does the fact that God's Spirit indwells the believer affect you?

3. While the indwelling of the Spirit means that you are always in God's presence in a rich and personal way, when we turn our attention to God His Spirit meets us in a unique and powerful way.

a. What are some ways that we seek out the Lord's presence?

b. What expectations do you have with the Lord regarding your time in His presence?

c. What difference has time in the Lord's presence made in your life?

d. How can we increase our desire to seek the Lord's presence?

4. V. 2 speaks of being surrounded by the Lord. What stands out to you about that image?

a. Is there a situation in your life where you currently see God surrounding you with presence and care?

b. What situation are you currently facing where you need God to surround you?

5. V. 3 acknowledges the fact that wicked leadership often corrupts those who are under its influence.

a. Where do you see this struggle in your life?

b. Where are you having to fight against the corrupting influence of leaders?

c. Where are you having to fight to be a faithful leader and not be a corrupting influence (e.g. work, home, friendships, etc.)?

6. The Psalm ends with a plea for God to purify Israel and the grant it peace.

a. How does this transfer to a New Covenant believer?

b. The Psalmists prays that God would bless those who are good. How does (Rom 3:9-18) answer the question, who is good?

c. How does God make us good then? (2 Cor 5:21)

d. How should this reshape the view as outsiders?