

Psalm 125: God encircles us with love



Psalm 125 (124) (Mode 5. 5...6 ...1 / 1...6 / 6...5)

It is a hymn of trust leading to a prayer of petition. The prayer arises out of a situation in which some Jews, including those in power, have given up their faith under foreign influence. It may come from the period of the Maccabees. The author looks to God's justice to set things right.

Those who trust in the Lord
are like Mount Zion.
They stand firm for ever.

‘He chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves’(Psalm 78:68).

‘As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever’(Psalm 48:8).

As the mountains circle Jerusalem,
so you, Lord, embrace your people,
now and always.

‘Truly, one who touches you touches the apple of my
eye’(Zechariah 2:8)

The rule of the wicked will not rest
on the land allotted to the just,
lest the righteous turn to evil.

Some in power are abusing it, for the sceptre
should be of righteousness, not wickedness. They
are also influencing others to follow their
example.

‘I will restore your judges as at the first, and your
counsellors as at the beginning. Afterward you
shall be called the city of righteousness, the
faithful city’(Isaiah 1:26).

Do good, O Lord our God,
to those who are good,
whose hearts are true.

Those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the Lord banishes with the wicked.

Peace be upon Israel!