

## The Lord Surrounds His People

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**Psalm 125:1-5** ESV A Song of Ascents.

**1 Those who trust (*batach - to trust, have confidence, be bold, secure*) in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

*Trusting in the Lord is not just a "hopeful feeling." It is an abiding faith which is alive:*

1. *Supernaturally birthed by the illumination of the Holy Spirit.*
2. *Deep conviction which dictates actions, behavior and lifestyle.*

**Matthew 16:16-18** ESV

**16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

**17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**

**18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

**Matthew 7:24-27** ESV

**24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

**25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.**

**26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.**

**27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."**

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

**Deuteronomy 33:26-29** ESV

**26 There is none like God, O Jeshurun (*a tender and loving name for the people of Israel*), who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty.**

**27 The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy before you and said, 'Destroy.'**

**28 So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose heavens drop down dew.**

**29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs."**

**Psalm 34:4-7 ESV**

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

**5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

**6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.**