

## Lesson 11 – Thursday: Immobile Like Mount Zion

1. **Psalm 125:1-2** –
  - a. YOU are only as secure as the rock you are anchoring into
  - b. Mountains of dirt can be moved (Mt. St. Helens) – What about Mt. Zion?
2. WHAT IS MT. ZION?
  - a. As far as mountains go, not that big of a deal – elevation 2,474 ft.
  - b. First reference in the Bible in **2 Samuel 5:6-7** – *And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, “You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you,” thinking, “David cannot come in here.”* <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).
    - **Psalm 132:13-14** (or 78:68) – *For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:* <sup>14</sup> *“This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. [Is. 14:32 – The Lord has founded Zion]*
    - **Psalm 9:11** – *Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!*
  - c. The Durability of Mt. Zion is not on account of its rocks
    - Zion on Earth REPRESENTS God’s Eternal Home AND His promise that it will be our home too.
    - This is why God could allow Jerusalem (city of David) to be destroyed when Israel LET GO of God’s promises.
  - It was not endowed with anything special at creation. There is nothing in the location that is superior
  - The durability of Zion is that it is God’s Choice
3. Why trust in God – speaking especially to those who are in a good-faith honest search for truth.
  - a. God in the Bible invites you to TEST Him
    - The invitation is not to follow blindly
    - God says, TRY ME. (**Malachi 3:10, Psalm 34:8**)
    - The whole Bible is out on record for you to investigate
    - You are invited to THINK – **Isaiah 1:18** – *Come now, let us REASON together, says the Lord.*
  - b. Look at the Scriptures – You will see something
    - For someone who is willing to test the Scriptures, there is a complexity and depth that is impossible to ignore
    - Simple enough to grasp the Big Picture and understand the themes, and it grows endlessly deeper.
    - If you’re willing, the Mind of God is on display – it’s deeper than anything man could come up with
    - The fact that we can say (after years of studying) – here’s something I *still* don’t understand – testifies that the Bible is not just another book.
  - c. The Bible has predictive prophecy
    - You won’t find complex, specific, multi-layered, long-term, improbable Predictive Prophecy like this in other books.
    - Prophecy of the past points to a conclusion in the future
  - d. Why trust in God? – Look at the BIG PICTURE
    - FIRST: You have a sense of right and wrong that tugs at you.
    - SECOND: God offers a way to escape death.
4. Here’s the way to move an unmovable mountain
  - a. Leave the mountain – as you get farther away, the mountain RETREATS into the rear-view mirror.
  - b. Disconnected from God, we have nothing but ourselves for stability.