



APRIL 23

Passage: Psalm 124

Juts an amazing passage today. Have you ever been on the good side of trouble? What's the good side of trouble? The good side of trouble is when the trouble is behind you, over. That's where we're at in this Psalm. Remember, these Psalms are guiding the people of Israel to praise God. They are remembering the good He has provided. Not necessarily that he will keep trouble away from you but the reality that when trouble comes, He will be your help. That's how the Psalm ends but first let's read the whole thing

## **READ & DIG. Read Psalm 124**

Can we take a minute and consider the beauty of that first statement? What a question? What a thought! What a statement! "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side..."

Thankfully we don't have to consider that. But it may not be a bad thing to ask the question. Where would any of us be if the Lord had not been on our side? Think about it for a second. Do you feel, see the difference of the Lord being *for you*?

I know, not many of us have a rough life that we feel we need escaping from. You may have that life but the reality is that God has saved us from the depths of hell. Whoa...I went there. Not to hell, but just making the statement.

That person who feels he has no need for God in his life is the one person who doesn't realize *without* Him he perish in hell forever. At that point I can only image he will ask that question with a different tone. Where would I be right now if the Lord was on my side? A sad reality.

BUT...that's not us...or at least I pray it's not you.

Let's consider why the Psalmist is saying this here, for Israel.

Remember, they're looking back...they are on the good side of trouble.

**People rising against them - Floods coming - Prey devouring them - Caught in a snare.**

I know, I know, we can relate to like one of these because we're not rabbits.

But hear what he's saying.

**(Have people ever sought to bring harm to you?)**

**(Have you ever felt you were drowning and water was miles away?)**

**(Have you ever felt like you were the hunted and the vultures were flying above?)**

**(Have you ever felt trapped, as if there were no escape?)**

I'm pretty sure we have at least 1-2 yes' from those questions.

Life gets tough....situations and circumstances surround us and we feel lost, desperate.

But then the Lord shows up. He never left...it's just that our eyes were not focused on Him.

## **Apply & GO**

Read that last line again, verse 8.

This Psalm is reminding the reader where help actually lies. It lies and rest in the person of God.

Maybe we stop focusing on the situation and begin to focus our eyes on the one who holds tomorrow.

Tomorrow, that day that is coming where we can, [keyword: can] stand on the good side of trouble.

EASTER JOURNEY: **Luke 24:50-53**