



The Mountaintops Of Glory

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever (Psalms 125:2).

Mountains were made by God to inspire the soul of man. I have never been to Mt. Everest, but I'm sure it stands majestic, towering above the clouds.

I'm sure if I could stand on its highest peak, it would uplift my soul, as I gaze over the countless miles of God's creation.

Mountains reflect to me, the symbol of protection, and inspiration. I suppose this is the reason God made the mountains so majestic and beautiful. Many people like to take a vacation in the mountains, just to get away from it all.

As I read our text, I begin to ponder the thought of the mountains round Jerusalem. A Spiritual application can be applied to these mountains, as they come to our attention.

I am not a mountain climber, but I can climb the Spiritual mountains of God.

When I think of the mountains round Jerusalem, I began to think of:

Mt. Carmel - Here on this mountain, was where Elijah challenged the 450 false prophets of Baal, who sat at the table of Jezebel.

See him yonder, as he mocks the worshippers of Baal, who cut themselves with knives, trying to get an answer from their God. All day long, the followers of Baal danced and prayed, but no fire fell.

Elijah rebuilt the altar in the Name of the Lord. Twelve barrels of water were poured on the sacrifice. Elijah stood back and prayed, the fire fell, burnt the sacrifice, and licked up the water round about. The people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, He is God, the Lord, He is God."

Elijah knelt down on Mt. Carmel and prayed for rain. Sending his servant seven times to look for a cloud in the sky, the rain fell. The sky was black with clouds, sending torrents of rain down the mountain sides.

Elijah got up from prayer and outran the chariot of Ahab, 20 miles to the gate of Jezreel.

I need this mountain around me today, I'll call it the mountain of truth and prayer. When I am on this mountain top, I'm reminded of God's truth, and the necessity of earnest prayer before the Lord.

Lord, give me this mountain!

Another mountain round about Jerusalem is:

Mt. Mariah - This mountain is where Abraham offered up his son, Isaac. See him yonder, as he binds his son upon the altar. See the knife raised in the air, as Abraham prepares to slay his son.

God stayed the hand of Abraham, and provided a ram for the sacrifice. Abraham's faith was tested in God. I'll call this mountain the mountain of sacrifice.

I need this mountain round me today. I need to view sacrifice mountain. It was on sacrifice mountain that Jesus bled and died for the sins of the whole world.

It is a sacrifice living for Jesus today.

It is a sacrifice giving up the pleasures of sin.

It is a sacrifice coming to church every Sunday.

It is a sacrifice living Holy unto the Lord.

When I stop and view the sacrifice of Christ, my sacrifices become so much lighter.

Lord, give me this mountain!

Another mountain round Jerusalem is:

Mt. of Olives - This mountain is where Jesus ascended into glory and is where He will return again someday.

See Him yonder on this mountain, talking with His disciples concerning the evangelizing of the world. See Him, as he begins to rise into the Heavens, disappearing in a cloud.

I need this mountain in my life, I'll call it the Mt. of promise. When the burdens of this life get me down, I'll remember the mountain of promise.

When it looks like the forces of evil are camped around the Christians, I'll look again to the mountain of promise. Jesus said, "He would never leave us or forsake us."

It was on the mountain of promise where the angels of God said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen Him go unto Heaven."

Christ will return again someday and catch His church up into the glory of Heaven. Lord, give me this mountain!

You talk about divine surroundings today, the church is surrounded with the mountain tops of glory, as the mountains are round about Jerusalem.

Angels tread the mountain tops of glory.

I'm tired of the valley of suffering.

I'm tired of the valley of sorrow.

I'm tired of the valley of despair.

I'll climb the mountain tops of glory. They abide forever and cannot be removed. They give me comfort, hope, strength, and protection.

You can have your valleys of weeping.

You can have your deserts of wandering.

I'll take the mountain tops of glory.

Lord, give me these mountains!