

OUR SHEPHERD'S PROMISE.

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INTRO:

A. Psalm 23.

1. Several promises... but we will focus on **verse 6**.

B. Today, we want to take advantage of these promises.

I. "SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE;"

A. Surely goodness and mercy

1. The first word here tells us of our guarantee.
 - 1) It is a sure thing!
 - 2) We **will have** goodness and mercy. (Abundantly)
 - 3) **Psalm 103:17** "But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;"
2. Goodness = what God provides for those who love Him.
 - 1) The promise is for things that are good.
 - 2) **Psalm 36:7-10**.
3. Mercy = compassion and pity for the circumstance of others.
 - 1) **Psalm 103:11** "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him."
 - 2) God's great mercy is seen in the sacrifice of Christ.
 - 3) **Matthew 1:21** "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
4. Even while facing great difficulties, we can still see the goodness of God and His mercy.
 - 1) **Psalm 86:12-13** "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell."

B. "...shall follow me All the days of my life..."

1. God's gifts continue and remain with those who love HIM.
 - 1) **Isaiah 41:10** "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
 - 2) **2 Tim. 4:17** "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me..."

II. "AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER"

A. "And I will dwell..."

1. I have a promised home.
2. WILL DWELL = literally to live with Him.
 - 1) **Romans 6:8** "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:"
 - 2) **2 Tim. 2:11** "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:"
 - 3) **1 Cor. 15:24** "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father..."

B. "...in the house of the LORD Forever."

1. The **place designated**.
 - 1) The house of the Lord. --- There is another place.
 - 2) Only two -- (**Matt. 7:13-14**).

- 3) Eternity lies before all of us.
 - a. We choose which way we go.
 - b. **Joshua24:15** “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”
- 2. The **time frame is set**.
 - 1) **Forever** has no end! TIME, as we know it, is irrelevant.
 - 2) **1 Thess. 4:13-18**.
 - 3) **Vs. 17** “Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

III. THE PROMISE EXTENDS TO US TODAY.

A. God’s promise in Psalm 23 is extended to us today.

- 1. We can have the goodness and mercy of God in our lives.

B. We must take advantage of God’s promise.

- 1. God promised that the faithful will live with Him for eternity.
- 2. The Lord invites all to come.