

**Series Psalm 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
"I Shall Not Want For Eternity"
Psalm 23:6
Part-7**

Psalm 23 portrays life like a pilgrimage, (Pasture To Pasture) and in the final verse the psalmist rightly comes to life's goal, which is God's house. **Psalm 23:6**

John 14:2-3

Psalm 23:6 Closes with 2 great assurances:

1. Assurance Of Goodness & Mercy
2. Assurance Of Our Home In Heaven

The Author of Psalm 23 is called a "Psalm of David" written 3,000 years ago.

Book: "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" By Phillip Keller (Was a Shepherd)

The Thought Of Our Passage: The LORD Is My Host And Since The Lord Is My Host - I Shall Not Want For Eternity.

1. Assurance Of Goodness & Mercy:
2. Assurance Of Our Home In Heaven:

1. Assurance Of Goodness & Mercy:

Psalm 23:6 (NLT) Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Surely Context - David left off with words of assurance that the believer will never lack provision. **I Shall Not Want For Provision: Verse 5** - now follows God's assurance, **Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,**

Surely - "*certainly, without a doubt*" could be "yes" **Surely** in the Hebrew can be translated "*only*" it reads "*only goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,*"

God is Immutable - Immutability - The divine attribute of unchangeableness. To Moses, "**I Am,**" "**I Am Who I Am**" (**Exodus 3:14**)

James 1:17; 2 Timothy 2:13

Psalm 100:5

Goodness: goodness - "*prosperous, desirable, beautiful, pleasant*" (to supply every need) **Psalm 34:8**

Joseph said to his brothers that sold him into slavery - **Genesis 50:20**

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good

Lovingkindness: and lovingkindness (mercy) – *"love, loyalty, favor, faithfulness"* (mercy to forgive every sin) **Micah 7:18**

Exodus 25:22

Psalm 136 it says **26 times** - **Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness (Mercy) is everlasting.**

It is possible that **follow me** pursue me, **(God pursues us)** *"we are going away from the Lord, so the Lord sends His goodness and mercy after us to call us back!"*

The parable of the prodigal son, **Luke 15:17-19**

all the days of my life, our witness of God's goodness and mercy is so beneficial to the world.

All the days of my life, there are times that we will be so homesick for our real home in heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has also set eternity in their heart, Philippians 3:20

2. Assurance Of Our Home In Heaven:

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. David is not speaking of the temple, no one lived there, this is heaven, home in God's presence!

Psalm 27:4

Surely – *"certainly, without a doubt"* could be "yes" Security comes through faith in Him. **Colossians 3:2**

John 5:24; John 10:29; Romans 8:16; Romans 8:38-39; Ephesians 4:30; 1 John 5:12-13

house of the LORD is the OT term for what Jesus referred to as heaven **John 14:2 "In My Father's house**

house – *"the family, or household, or flock of the good shepherd"* **house of the LORD – (In the care of the Lord forever)**

2 Corinthians 12:2 was caught up to the third heaven.

1st Heaven – (See it by day) Birds fly Genesis 1:20

**2nd Heaven – (See it by night) Moon, sun, stars and planets
Deuteronomy 4:19**

3rd Heaven – (See it by faith) Where God dwells John 14:1-3

2 Corinthians 12:3-4

Heaven Is A Present Place - Luke 23:43 today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

Acts 7:55-56

Heaven Is A Perfect Place - Revelation 7:15-17; 21:4

Heaven Is A Place Of Reunion – 2 Samuel 12:23 I will go to him,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Satan tries every angle to get our eyes off the eternal hope of glory and onto the temporal happiness of self-gratification.

Satan's Speaks Lies: Proverbs 14:12 But it's end is the way of death.

God's Word Speaks The Truth: 1 Peter 1:3-4

**The Best Is Yet To Come! (Not that what God gives us now is bad!
But what God has in store for us is even better!)**

Psalms 68:19 (NLT) Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day He carries us in His arms.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know this word **know** – *"to know with certainty, to come to know thru inspection"*

that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, Paul is referring to the human body. The body that is a tent, is not made to last forever. **2 Peter 1:13-14**

2 Corinthians 5:1 we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Paul gives 5 Facts Regarding This New Dwelling:

- 1. a building** Notice that the tent is replaced with a building. No longer temporary
- 2. from God,** notice where the new body comes from, from God.
- 3. a house not made with hands,** not physical, man-made, **Mark 14:58**
- 4. eternal** it will last forever. (Aches and pains no more!)

5. in the heavens. speaking about a new body, a body that is designed for heaven

2 Corinthians 5:2-4 No one, absolutely no one, skates through this life without groaning.

2 Corinthians 5:5

God's Purpose: Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, this is not an accident, but it was God's design.

Salvation consists of three parts: Pardoned of Sin, Power of Sin, and Presence of Sin.

2 Corinthians 5:6 being always of good courage, "Bold and confident"
That God has given us a promise that we can be confident.

Our Courage In Absence: and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

For the Non-Believer – It is to be a place of suffering. Luke 16:19-31

- 1. In Hades he lifts up his eyes –** So he could see.
- 2. Being in torments –** So he could feel.
- 3. And seeing Abraham ... and Lazarus –** So he could recognize.
- 4. He cried and said... So,** he could speak.
- 5. Abraham have mercy... So,** he could plead.
- 6. I am tormented in this flame –** So he could suffer.
- 7. Abraham said (to him) –** So he could hear.
- 8. Son, remember ... - So,** he had memory.
- 9. Send to my ... brethren –** So he could reflect.
- 10. Lest they come –** So, he could think ahead.

2 Corinthians 5:7

The Divine Perspective: I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Paul is speaking under inspiration!

Application:

1. God's Goodness Will Follow Us In This Life To Supply Our Every Need.
Romans 8:28
2. God's Lovingkindness Will Follow Us In This Life To Forgive Our Every Sin.
Psalms 136:1
3. Heaven Is Not Only The Christians' Destination But Also Our Motivation.
Colossians 3:2