

The Lord My Shepherd: Part 7

His Goals for Us

Ps 23:6

Intro:

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;** You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

I. The Great Care

- We come to the end of this psalm and breathe...
- The sheep knows it is special and precious
 - How long does this take for us to realize??
 - All that the shepherd does/plans... do we see it?
 - Not, maybe or might..."shall" , like the flock
 - Goodness and lovingkindness always, not foes/fear...
- This will always be true, no matter the situation!
 - In good times, for certain; in difficult , still true!!!
 - This is because of the Shepherd's love, not our actions
 - God's plan is complete – land and sheep together



II. The Great Promise

- Goodness – *tobe*, the better, pleasant, mercy
- Lovingkindness - *chêsêd*, to act in best interest/mercy of the thing loved
- These are part of God's NATURE! Not His actions...
 - God's heart is to have these in our wake...
 - What we leave behind for others as well...
 - Sometimes we do not see the long term effects
 - In the long haul, it will be goodness & lovingkindness
 - “all the days of my life” – new every morning, all of them
 - It is up to us where we spend each new day...

III. The Great Future

- I shall dwell... forever! - To sit, to rest
 - Servants do not stay forever...only family!
 - Our future is a good one...
- In the house of the Lord (household)
 - The prepared place that He has gone to set up (Jn 14)
 - After all the travels... home at last, in His Presence
 - That journey starts NOW...
 - Look around you at the Lord's flock... your family!!!
 - Heaven is His Kingdom in our Hearts now, till it is more
 - Let us look to our SHEPHERD...



