

"God is Good, ALL THE TIME!" - Psalm 23:6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalm 23 has 2 great themes:

1. The Sheep are chased **by ENEMIES**
 2. The Sheep are also chased **by GOD & HIS GOODNESS**
- In His Shepherd, David found a **CONVICTION!**
 - **NLT** - "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life.."

I. God is always good, during life on EARTH!

II. God is always good, during life in ETERNITY!

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- **"mercy"** or **"faithful love"** is the Hebrew word "hesed" meaning "love, mercy, loving kindness, steadfast kindness". It is used 250x in the Old Testament
 - This is the hospitality that God swears to those people, who are in covenant with him. It is the Lord swearing his beautiful love, to earn beautiful people.
 - It is the Lord giving his mercy and kindness, to people who are times evil and wicked.

In Psalm 23, David is basically saying:

- **"Lord you blow me away with your goodness to me!" & "I can't believe how you bless me Lord! I'm the most blessed man on earth!"**
 - **"The fault of being "too happy" as a Christian, is very rare indeed!" - Spurgeon**
 - **"Why is it that we write our sorrows in marble, but write our joys in the sand?" - Spurgeon**

But David, what about when things go BAD in life?? David, what about when we go thru TRIALS??

- David's joy was not focused on the outward... but on the **INWARD!**
- David wasn't focused on what going on around him... but **INSIDE** of him!
- David wasn't focused on the trials & troubles... but on the **TRUTH!**

- "JOY-THIEFS" - Problems; People; Possessions; Perspectives (Fear/Unbelief)
 - Paul's JOY in jail in Philippi - Phil 1:21; Phil 4:4
 - Paul told us to REALIZE how GOOD the Lord is to us in Romans 12:1...

Stop and think of how good God is to YOU personally....

- God blesses me with EXISTENCE...
- God blesses me with LIFE...
- God blesses me with FAMILY...
- God blesses me NATIONALLY...
- God blesses me FINANCIALLY...
- God blesses me SPIRITUALLY...
- God blesses me with IDENTITY...
- God blesses me ETERNALLY...

II. God is always good, during life in ETERNITY!

- In His Shepherd, David found a CONVICTION!
 - NLT - "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life.."
- David has a CONVICTION that he will experience God's goodness every day of his life... right up until he dies, and enters HEAVEN!
 - Phil 1:21 - "For me to live is Christ, and to die is far better."
- According to Rev 2-3, believers will experience God's goodness in amazing ways in the Kingdom of Heaven:
 - Guaranteed promise of PERMISSION...
 - Guaranteed promise of PROTECTION...
 - Guaranteed promise of IDENTIFICATION...
 - Guaranteed promise of PERFECTION...
 - Guaranteed promise of CONNECTION...
 - Guaranteed promise of PROMOTION...
 - Guaranteed promise of DOMINION...
 - Guaranteed promise of ADOPTION...
- Jesus wants YOU to find this CONVICTION in Him, right now, in your current situation!
 - His goodness during your life on EARTH...
 - His goodness when you transition to life in ETERNITY...

- **Nat. Forest Service** - *"Take nothing but pictures, and leave nothing but footprints."*