



Route 66
Psalm 23

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Psalm 23:6

“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

John 10:10-14

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”

Deuteronomy 28:1

“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.”

Psalm 23:6

“...and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

The word dwell in **Psalm 23:6** means “to inhabit or live.” The house of the Lord is a term often referring to the tabernacle, the temple, or the place of worship (as in **Psalm 122:1**). But here in **Psalm 23:6** the phrase speaks explicitly of “a dwelling house, palace, or local residence of a deity.”

The presence of God is the believer’s true home (**Psalm 42:1–4; 84:1–4**).

Psalm 65:4

“Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house.”

Psalm 27:4

“One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”

A man after God's own heart (**Acts 13:22; 1 Samuel 13:14**).

Like David, the apostle Paul was sure that nothing in this life, not even death itself, could separate him from the loving presence of God:

Romans 8:38-39

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

To dwell in the house of the Lord forever also suggests living with an attitude of heart that expresses constant praise and worship.

Psalm 34:1, NLT

"I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises"

Psalm 84:4, NLT

"What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises."

Psalm 84:10

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

Psalm 146:1-2, NLT

"Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath."

The good things that God provides for us in this life are merely a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven (**1 Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4**).

A glorious future day is coming when all the redeemed of the Lord will gather around the Lord's table in His eternal house

Isaiah 25:6-9

*"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.
On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.
In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."*

Luke 13:29-30

“And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at the table in the kingdom of God. And behold some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Revelation 19:9 & 21:2-4