

SERMON NOTES — Psalm 23:5–6

“The Shepherd of My Soul” — Week 3

I. Introduction — Living in the Shepherd’s Presence

- Meditation as a discipline
 - Filling our mind with the Word of God
 - Repetition
 - Questioning the Holy Spirit
 - Listening
- John 14:26 — The Spirit teaches and reminds
- John 6:45 — “Taught by God”
- John 6:29 — The work of God is faith
- Isaiah 55:11 — His Word accomplishes His purpose

II. A Picture of Discipleship

- **To know the Lord is to trust Him** — “I have all I need”
- **To trust Him is to experience His benefits** — “He renews my life”
- **Experiencing His benefits leads to purpose** — “For His name’s sake”

III. The Shift in Psalm 23:5–6

- From **discipleship** → to **sonship**
- From **fields and paths** → to **the house of the Lord**
- We are home. We belong.

IV. Honored by God (Psalm 23:5)

1. “You prepare a table before me”

- A royal, intentional table
- šulhān — the King’s table

2. “You anoint my head with oil”

- DASHAN — refresh, invigorate
- Oil as: welcome, healing, protection

3. “My cup overflows”

- Abundant generosity
- More than enough

V. What Is This Honor? (Our Identity in Christ)

Chosen

- Deut 7:6–8
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Eph 1:3–6

Adopted

- Romans 8:15–17

Delighted In

- Zeph 3:17

Clothed in Righteousness

- Psalm 149:4
- Isaiah 61:10

Crowned With Beauty

- John 17:22

Surrounded With Favor

- Psalm 5:12

Loved

- 1 John 3:1

How can I know this is true?

- Jesus is the proof: Rom 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9–10; Eph 2:4–7; John 10:10

VI. Why Honor in the Presence of My Enemies?

- His goodness becomes unmistakable
- Isaiah 54:17
- Zeph 3:19
- Eph 2:6–7
- Col 2:15
- Rev 3:9

VII. Discipleship and Sonship

- Bonhoeffer: “Come and die”
- Roman 6:5 — death with Christ
- Romans 6:5 — resurrection with Christ
- Discipleship = death to self
- Sonship = abundant life, true freedom
- Romans 12:19–21 — we no longer seek revenge

VIII. What Does This Life Look Like?

- Letter to Diognetus (summary of early Christian life)
 - In the world but not of it
 - Citizens of heaven
 - Free from fear
 - Full of generosity
 - Unconquered by evil, conquering evil with good

IX. Pursued by God (Psalm 23:6)

- **Goodness** (tov) — pleasant, excellent
- **Faithful love** (hesed) — covenant loyalty, pursuing love
- **Radaph** — “to chase down”
- Nothing can separate us
- His faithful love endures forever

X. Our Response — “I will dwell in the house of the Lord”

- This world is not my home
- I remain, abide, dwell with Him
- Life in His presence is freedom
- “Nothing worth more that can ever come close...”

Main Takeaway

To know God is to trust Him.

To trust Him is to experience His benefits.

To experience His benefits is to live with purpose.

To live dead to the world but alive with Christ is to live free indeed — dwelling in the house of the Lord forever.