



Your Goodness & Mercy – October 2021

David expresses his conviction that the Lord's goodness will be with him throughout his life. Whether green pastures and still waters lay ahead, or David was required to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord's goodness would accompany him.

Over the years, David had found that God is good all the time. Further, the Lord's unfailing love would be present with him every step of life's journey. In the first half of verse six, David expresses his conviction of the surety of God's blessing upon his daily, earthly life. He reminds us that God's goodness and mercy is with us wherever we go—the doctor's office, grocery store, a season of unemployment, a quiet Saturday with family, a cross-country move. In the second half of verse six, David reminds us that even if the path we walk is so difficult that we lose our earthly lives, our eternal destination is safe and secure: "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Read Psalm 23

Despite its brevity, Psalm 23 delivers some astounding truths about our God and what it means to belong to Him.

1. How has your understanding of God grown throughout this Psalm?

2. Pastor Jonathan mentioned "The Gospel of Homesickness." What do you think this means?
3. Knowing that our Shepherd [God] is always in front leading and His Goodness & Mercy always follow, what does that mean as a child of God?
4. Think of a day within the past month and describe how your steps were ordered by the Lord and how His goodness and mercy surrounded you?

Serve: Are there people in your life who need your goodness and mercy? What are some ways you can give to them what God has given to you?

