

Family Security
Psalm 23:6
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Introduction:

Our world is filled with insecurities and fears about many different things. We are fearful that someone will break into our homes so we have locks on our doors and windows. It is almost a common necessity to have security systems inside our homes and businesses today because of the threat of theft. Our automobiles even have security systems to prevent and deter a break-in.

Security issues abound today in our world. Issues of the economy, stocks, investments, and even simple family retirement plans are always at risk. Why, because the world's market is so unstable and uncertain. Nothing is worse than feeling insecure.

I Peter 1:3-5a Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ Who are kept by the power of God...

I. David's Confidence

Psalm 23:6a *Surely...*

Pastor Tim:

"David was able to say 'surely' because his view of God was bigger than his view of his circumstances. Likewise, our view of God will always determine if we will be able to say 'surely'. David was sure of the certainty of the Shepherd's commitment to him as a sheep."

Psalm 56:9 *When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.*

Pastor Tim:

"God has committed Himself to us and He will never change His mind or reconsider His commitment."

II. David's Companions

Psalm 23:6b *goodness and mercy (loving-kindness) will follow me...*

A. A Dog Named Goodness

Psalm 23:6 *goodness...*

"Goodness" means all the beneficial acts of God

Psalm 33:5b *the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

Psalm 52:1 *the goodness of God endureth continually.*

Psalm 145:9 *the Lord is good to all...*

Acts 10:38a *Jesus of Nazareth always went about doing good...*

James 1:17a *every good and perfect gift comes from above...*

Psalm 107:1 *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His loving-kindness is everlasting.*

Psalm 107:5 *They were hungry and thirsty; their soul fainted within them.*

Psalm 107:6 *Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses.*

Psalm 107:7a *He led them also by a straight way...*

Pastor Tim:

"Goodness refers to all the beneficial things that God brings to us. God's benefits are too numerous for any of us to count. However, the reason we fail to count God's goodness and benefits is because we all have gotten use to them and taken them for granted."

Pastor Tim:

"Every once in a while the Lord allows certain situations to come into our lives in order to remind us of how good God's goodness really is and how dependant we really are upon Him. Without certain amounts of calamity in our lives we are all prone to forget and take for granted God's goodness."

B. A Dog Named Mercy

Psalm 23:6 *goodness and mercy (loving-kindness)*

Lamentations 3:22 *It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*

A.T. Robertson:

"Mercy is a word that means 'loyal love'."

III. David's Comfort

Psalm 23:6b *and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

- The word "dwell" means to be at home

Psalm 27:4 *One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.*

Philippians 3:20 *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Pastor Tim:

"The clearer picture we have of home (heaven) the better we can handle today's visitation (earth)."

I Peter 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.*