

Summer in the Psalms Part 6 - Sunday

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Resting in the Goodness and Mercy of God!

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Psalm 23

Psalm 23:1, *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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.*

How to Rest in the Goodness and Mercy of God:

1. Know Your SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1, *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

Isaiah 40:11, *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart...*

1 Peter 5:6, *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Isaiah 26:3, *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are*

steadfast, because they trust in you.

Isaiah 30:21, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

2. Have Confidence in Your VALLEYS

Psalms 23:4, *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

1 Corinthians 15:53, *For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

3. Face Your ENEMIES

Psalms 23:5, *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Joshua 1:7, *"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

3. Enjoy the JOURNEY

Psalms 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.

Psalm 100:3, *Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalm 34:8, *Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

John 14:1, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*