

WCBC SERMON NOTES - MARCH 5, 2017

TOPIC: THE GREAT SHEPHERD'S BLESSINGS

Sermon 6: *The Great Shepherd's Assurance!*

TEXT: John 14:1-6; Psalm 23:6

INTRO:

Psalm 23:1 = Provision!

Psalm 23:2 = Rest!

Psalm 23:3 = Restoration!

Psalm 23:4 = Protection!

Psalm 23:5 = Hospitality!

Psalm 23:6 = ASSURANCE!

WHEN & HOW DOES THE GREAT SHEPHERD SHOW HIS REASSURANCE TOWARD US: Psalm 23:6

I. IN TIMES OF TROUBLE: v.6a cf.6:4

Note: The Hebrew word for "goodness" and for "love" (literally, "loving-kindness") both mean, "God's grace, mercy, faithfulness, and unfailing love."

1. Christians should not be troubled - John 14:1a
2. Christians should trust in Jesus - John 14:1b
 - A. Because He gives true peace! - John 14:27; 16:33
 - Where Is True Peace Found?

II. THROUGH A HOME IN HEAVEN: v.6b

Note: Verse 6b speaks of Heaven, God's dwelling place!
- I Kings 8:30

1. A prepared place for a prepared people! -John 14:2b
2. A prepared place to all whom Jesus will take with Him when He comes back - John 14:3 cf. I Thess. 4:13-18
3. A prepared place to all who would trust Jesus as their Saviour! - John 14:6
 - A. Unbelievers are lost! - Luke 19:10
 - B. Unbelievers are blinded of the truth! - II Cor. 4:4
 - C. Unbelievers are spiritually dead! - Eph. 2:1

CONCLUSION: *"Away from the body and at home with the Lord!"*

Where Heaven Is!

A certain minister preached one day on Heaven. The next morning, he was met by one of his wealthy members, who said: "Pastor, you preached a good sermon about Heaven. You told me all about Heaven, but you did not tell me where Heaven is." "Ah," said the pastor, "I'm glad of the opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church who is extremely poor; she is sick and in bed with fever. If you will go and take her a good supply of provisions and say, 'My sister, I have brought these nice provisions in the Name of the Lord and Saviour,' if you ask for a Bible, and read Psalm 23, and then get down on your knees and pray - if you don't see Heaven, before you get all through, I'll pay the bill." The next morning he said: "Pastor, I saw Heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in Heaven, as certainly as you are listening!" - Gospel Herald

Verse For Today

*"The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**" - Psalm 23:1-6*

Food For Thought

"The moment we take our last breath on earth, we take our first in Heaven!" - Billy Graham

