

SERMON NOTES (Audio, video, & sermon notes are online at HBChurch.net)



Series: Living in the Goodness of God – Psalm 23

Speaker: Dr. Jason Robertson

Sermon: **HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF GOD'S ETERNAL GOODNESS**

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Psalm 23:6 - Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (ESV)

WHAT IS HEAVEN:

#1. IT'S A _____ NOT A STATE OF BEING.
(John 14:2-3 • 1 Corinthians 15 • Revelation 21)

#2. IT'S A _____ THAT WILL LAST FOREVER.
(1 Corinthians 15 • Matthew 25:21 • 1 John 2:17 • Matthew 6:20)

#3. IT'S A _____ FOR ONLY GOD'S FAMILY.
(Revelation 21:27)

The Life Group Summer Session is until **August 15.**

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1. Share prayer requests and answered prayers with each other and pray.

2. Discuss which of the following aspects of God's goodness that has been discussed in this sermon series has been the biggest blessing to you considering what you have been going through lately:
 - 1) **Sustenance!** God meets my needs when I'm **worried!** v.1- "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will lack nothing."
 - 2) **Balance!** God teaches me to relax when I'm **stressed!** v.2- "He makes me lie down in green pastures, and he leads me beside quiet waters."
 - 3) **Resilience!** God replenishes my strength when I'm **empty!** v.3a- "He restores my soul."
 - 4) **Guidance!** God guides me when I'm **confused!** v.3b- "He leads me in the right paths for His name's sake."
 - 5) **Confidence!** God walks with me when I am **afraid!** v.4- "Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me!"
 - 6) **Assurance!** God will protect me when I feel **insecure!** v.4 - "Your rod and your staff, they comfort me."
 - 7) **Encouragement!** God will publicly show his favor on my life when I am **beat down!** v.5a- "You prepare a banquet for me in front of all my enemies."
 - 8) **Influence!** God will empower me when I am **challenged!** v.5b- "You anoint my head with oil"
 - 9) **Abundance!** God will overflow blessings to me so that I never have a **shortage!** v.5c- "my cup overflows."
 - 10) **Benevolence!** God will be good to me **no matter what happens!** v.6a- "Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life."
 - 11) **Inheritance!** God will take me to heaven to award me with **all His goodness forever!** v.6b- "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

3. Discuss the following statements: do you agree or not? Why or why not? Explain.
 - a) **We were designed for life, not death.** Genesis 3:17-24 • Romans 5:12 • Romans 6:23
 - b) **Suffering and pain are a reality of a fallen world and will not exist in heaven.** Matthew 6:19-21 • Colossians 3:1 • Hebrews 9:27 • John 11:32-36
 - c) **The tighter we hold on to the temporary things of this life, the harder it will be to let go of those things which inevitably happen.** Matthew 6:19-21 • Colossians 3:1 • John 2:15-17 • Luke 12:13-26 • Matthew 16:26
 - d) **The believer sees death as graduation, not the end.** James 4:13-17 • Psalm 39:5 • 1 Peter 1:23-25 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

4. Talk about ways that your life group can get involved in these upcoming ministry opportunities:
 - a) **Beach Volleyball** on Thursday, August 15. Contact Will (949) 285-9599
 - b) The **Women's Retreat** is Saturday, August 23. Contact Sandy Chute (714) 398-7114
 - c) **Harvest Crusade** at Angel Stadium: August 23 - August 25. HBC Leader: Jeff Neal (714) 362-6728
 - d) **Labour of Love Music Festival.** Saturday, August 31. Address: Bolsa Chica Beach at Warner and Pacific Coast Highway. Time: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Price: Free. HBC Leader: Jeff Neal (714) 362-6728
 - e) **Car Show** on October 12. Fundraiser for HB Youth Shelter.

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