

***Sermon Title:* "IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE--ETERNITY"**

**Date:** May 28, 2023 - Psalm 23:6

**Central Idea:** Our Shepherd died for His sheep, and we will meet our Shepherd in Heaven! Is Jesus your Great Shepherd?

**Introduction:** One day you will look back at your life and see that it was only "goodness and mercy," and that includes the valley experiences. If life is difficult today, just keep following the Shepherd; He will never lead you where He cannot care for you.

**Verses 4-6 give us seven truths that the believer may appropriate:**

- 1. Divine Companionship v. 4**
- 2. Divine Comfort v. 4**
- 3. Divine Supply v. 5**
- 4. Divine Protection v. 5**
- 5. Divine Provision v. 5**
- 6. Divine Pursuit v. 6**
- 7. Divine Promise v. 6**

**Conclusion:**

We are on a journey. Goodness and mercy follow us. Notice that God sends goodness and mercy—not goodness alone, for we are sinners needing forgiveness—not mercy alone, for we need many things besides forgiveness. But goodness and mercy are linked together.

David wanted to be in the Lord's house because then he could be in the Lord's presence. Whatever heaven is, it is primarily a place where we will be with Christ.

Some day as you look back on your life, I hope you will recognize that "goodness and mercy" did indeed follow you even during the dark times in the valley. What a comfort to know that the Shepherd will never lead us where He cannot care for us.