

OUR JOURNEY... THE DESTINATION



Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life...

Psalm 23:6a

This Sunday we bid 'farewell' to A SUMMER WITH THE
SHEPHERD.

If there is one 'takeaway' I have received it's been this
near unanimous chorus: 'Gee, I always thought that the
Twenty-third Psalm was just for funerals.' While I get that
and it's certainly true, part of me muses on how we have
spiritually starved ourselves of the deep, profound

resources contained within these six splendid verses.

The title of this week's message: **OUR JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION.** For believers we all know the promise of our ultimate destination—to be with Christ in glory. But that journey 'to dwell in the house of the Lord forever' should be part of our present, personal experience.

I am still consumed by Jonathan Edwards' contention that there will be 'degrees of happiness' in heaven! The lives we live in Christ on this earth now for God's glory will be reflected by degrees in heaven. For those of you who are curious, you can check it out here:

<https://thirdmill.org/answers/answer.asp/file/43280>.

What we have learned from Psalm 23 is that the Good Shepherd leads, restores, comforts, walks with and protects us in dark places in this life. But he has also 'gone ahead to prepare a place for us.' That's good news for us right now!

Additional Scriptures we will focus on will be from John 14:1-12 and Psalm 27, especially verse 4. May you enjoy the journey—because that's part of the destination.

See you this Lord's Day!

Pastor Chuck

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