

A HAPPY LIFE, A HAPPY DEATH, A HAPPY ETERNITY !

Psalm 23

Introduction:

The twenty-third Psalm is perhaps the best-known and best-loved Psalm in the Bible. When a person can truthfully say, "The Lord is my shepherd," then, and only then, can he truthfully say, "I shall not want."

The person who has the Lord as his Shepherd "shall not want," or lack:

I. A HAPPY LIFE.

For this happy life the Lord will provide:

A. Rest — "He maketh me to lie down . . ." (v. 2). Matthew 11:28; Romans 5:1; Philipplians 4:6, 7.

B. Guidance — "He leadeth me . . ." (v. 2). Psalm 32:8; Psalm 119:105; Romans 8:14.

C. Restoration — "He restoreth my soul . . ." (v. 3). Psalm 51:12; I John 1:9.

D. Companionship — "Thou art with me . . ." (v. 4). Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5.

E. Comfort — "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me . . ." (v. 4). II Corinthians 1:3, 4.

F. Provision — "Thou preparest a table before me . . ." (v. 5). Philipplians 4:19.

G. Power — "Thou anointest my head with oil..." (v. 5). (Oil is typical of the Holy Spirit) Acts 1:8. •

H. Joy — "My cup runneth over" (v. 5). John 15:11; I Peter 1:8.

I. Goodness and mercy — "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me . . ." (v. 6a). Psalm 31:19; 136:1-26.

II. A HAPPY DEATH.

When a child of God comes to the time of death, he does not have to fear — Jesus will be with him. He can say, as did D. L. Moody at his death, "Earth recedes; heaven opens before me. This is my coronation day." Hebrews 2:14, 15.

III. A HAPPY ETERNITY.

Thank God, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

What a happy eternity for the child of God!

John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:3-5.

Conclusion:

Can you truthfully say, "The Lord is my shepherd"? If not, trust Him right now. Then you will rejoice in "A Happy Life, A Happy Death, And A Happy Eternity."

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Eph 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM WORSHIP

5:00 PM. EVENING WORSHIP

**6:00 PM PRAYER MEETING, WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**

**NUMBERS 10:29- "COME THOU WITH US AND WE WILL
DO THEE GOOD...."**

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FEBRUARY 19, 2012

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(TO BE READ IN UNISON)

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(LED BY BRO. MIKE ELMORE)

MORNING MESSAGE

C.E. HAMMOND, PASTOR

INVITATION

THREE THINGS YOU CAN BE SURE OF!

Introduction:

There are those who say we can't be sure of anything these days, others who say we can be sure of only two things — death and taxes, but I would like for you to consider "Three Things You Can Be Sure Of."

I. YOU CAN BE SURE OF THE SCRIPTURES — Psalm 19:7.

"The testimony of the Lord" stated here is another title for the Bible, the holy Scriptures. In Psalm 93:5, David says: "Thy testimonies are very sure." We can be sure that God says what He means and means what He says. Jesus said of the Scriptures, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31), and in John 12:48 He says: "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Therefore, we had better listen to Him when He tells us: "Take heed therefore how ye hear. . ." (Luke 8 : 18).

II. YOU CAN BE SURE OF SIN — Numbers 32:23.

You can "be sure your sin will find you out." Your sin will find you out in:

A. Your conscience — I Timothy 4:2.

B. Your body — Galatians 6:7; Job 20:11.

C. Your character — Proverbs 5:22.

D. Your children — Exodus 34:6, 7.

E. Public shame — Luke 12:2, 3.

F. Judgment — Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-13.

G. Hell forever — Psalm 9:17; Revelation 14:11; 20:14, 15.

III. YOU CAN BE SURE OF SALVATION — II Peter 1:10. Thank God, we can make our "calling and election sure."

Conclusion:

Though our sins will find us out, we can find them out, repent of them (Luke 13:3), receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour (John 1:12), and be sure that God has saved us, for He promises, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

The Scriptures are sure: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . ." (Acts 16:31).

Conclusion:

Before you experience "a sudden call," and before there is "a sudden coming," I pray that you may have "a sudden conversion." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved . . ." (Acts 16:31).