

The life of the contract:

...all the days of my life ...earthly existence...no matter what kind of day it is...in any and every circumstance...green pastures, quiet waters or in the presence of enemies and the through the valley of death's shadow...and **forever**..._____.

John 10:27-29

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

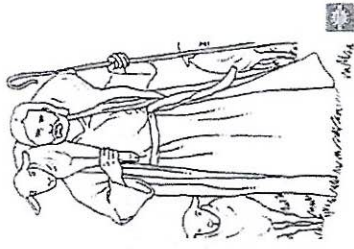
What amazing comfort there is in the closing lyrics of this Psalm!

What a way to end this wonderful song..._____ in the magnificent _____...face to face...with Jesus our LORD!

Exploring Psalm 23

A GUARANTEED CONTRACT!

Lesson #5



As David brings this song about the Lord, his caring Shepherd, to a close, he looks ahead to his _____...with the Lord.

Verse 6...

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

In so doing, he expresses his understanding that he has, not only, a _____ contract with his Shepherd...it's _____...and it is _____!

What does it mean when someone gets a **guaranteed contract**?

David's understanding of the Lord's promise to him...

The **guaranteed promise [contract]**: _____...The LORD _____ will do this!

The provisions of the contract:

1. **Goodness** – This word pertains to any and every _____ that the LORD grants to us.

This promise brings this Psalm to mind: **Psalm 103:1-5**

2. **Lovingkindness** – This is a very rich word in the Hebrew language...*chesed*. Literally, it means that God will richly love us with "**covenant loyalty**"...He will keep His word...His promises. *Chesed* is actually an intensification of His previous guarantee in the word "**surely**".

It is the "_____ love" of Jeremiah 31. It is _____ love. The word also contains the act of God willingly "**bending down**" to love lowly humanity. It is **His** great desire to love us in this way.

In giving us His "**goodness** and **lovingkindness**," the **LORD** is giving us His absolute _____ of everything in every circumstance of our lives!

Now...it's interesting to note that David says that the **goodness** and **lovingkindness** "**follow**" him.

Well...this Hebrew word (*radap*) means to *pursue*, *chase*, or *run after*.

Psalm 139, verse 5...

But wait! There is one more **provision** in our LORD'S guaranteed contract with us...

3. Dwell in "the House of the LORD"

This is the **desired destination**, not only of David, but of every believer!

"**To dwell**" (*yasab*) means "**to** _____ **and** _____." This is talking about something that's _____... a permanent _____. That **home** is "**the House of the LORD**."

That place is what we call "**Heaven**"...the Father's House. But...understand...David is not referring so much to a **place** as he is to a **Person**. That **Person** is not only the beginning and the end of this Psalm...He is the beginning and the end of everything (**Revelation 22:13**)...and we, like David, earnestly long to be in the LORD'S House because we can then be in the LORD'S _____!

Wherever He is that's where we will be...in _____ fellowship.

John 14:1-3

1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, **that where I am, there you may be also.**