

"I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever"
Happiness at Home

Introduction:

1. The psalm has described clearly the character and care of the Shepherd.
2. Having such a Good Shepherd means that blessings are assured.

I. Homesick for Heaven

- A. Man does not fit into this world...
 1. Disturbance
 2. Disease
 3. Death
- B. God has created us to know there is more, and to long for it (Ecc. 3:11).
- C. We are just strangers here, passing through (Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11).
 1. The process of ageing
 2. Preparation for eternity
- D. Our citizenship – our home – is in Heaven (Phil. 3:20).
- E. Therefore, we must not become attached to this world and begin to feel at home here (1 John 2:15-17).

II. Help of a Household

- A. This world is not our home, but the Good Shepherd provides for us.
- B. The house of the Lord was represented by the Tabernacle and Temple.
 1. Psalm 27:4; 92:13; 122:1
 2. Think of David's planning and Solomon's building the Temple
 3. Yet it was the fellowship with God that truly mattered.
- C. Today, the house of the Lord is the church!
 1. Prophesied (Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4)
 2. Provided (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 10:21; 1 Pet. 2:5)
- D. The Christian lives every day in fellowship with God.

III. Happy at Home

- A. In eternity, we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (John 14:1-3).
- B. This will be our "forever home" (Rev. 21:1-4; 22:1-5).
- C. The Good Shepherd will lead us there!