

“God, I Feel So Isolated”

Ps. 23:6 - Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

1. What it means to dwell: to sit down, to _____, to settle, to make house. Same word as Ps. 91:1- “dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High”. Not commuting to His presence when we need help or strength, but a constant _____ in the presence of God.

The question we must ask ourselves is...."am I a dweller or a commuter?"

2. Where we should dwell - The house of the Lord -

A. _____

1. _____: Revelation.14:13 – “They will rest from their labors...”

2. REWARD: Revelation.22:12 – “My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.” Matt. 10:42 – “and if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

3. REJOICING: Revelation.21:4 – “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

4. _____: I Thess.4:13-18

5. RESIDENCE: John 14:2-3 – “In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am you may be also!”

6. REDEEMER: Revelation 22:3,4 – “The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His Name will be on their foreheads.”

B. His flock/family – the earthly demonstration of His flock is the local _____

C. His presence – Ps. 42

Ps. 42:1 - As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God.

Ps. 42:7 - Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me.

3. The Blessings of dwelling

A. Protection

Ps. 91:2 - "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in Whom I trust"

B. Fruitfulness

John 15:4 - "Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me."

C. Answered prayer - v. 7

John 15:7 - If you remain in me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

This is just a suggestive list of the benefits of dwelling in the house of the Lord - you might want to pursue this in your own study time!

The blessings of Ps. 23 are only open to those who are members of the family/flock of God. Is He your Good Shepherd?

