

“God’s House”
Psalm 23:6, page 549

Introduction:

1. We have walked our way through *Psalm 23*, and now David reveals the exciting close of life’s journey.
2. Our good shepherd has been faithful:
 - A. In providing our needs.
 - B. In caring for us.
 - C. In guiding us through life.
3. The best is reserved for the last of our journey.
4. The end of our journey is a natural conclusion to our life, not an unwanted surprise.
5. *Psalm 23:6* brings us to our destiny that is located at the end of the “*path of righteousness.*”

I. Dwelling with God.

- A. Dwelling is where we live:
 1. Beaver Island.
 2. Specific house.
 3. Physical/earthly dwelling place.
 4. Place we live with our family and friends.
- B. Today God is dwelling with us:
 1. *John 14:18*: “*I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*”
 2. *I Corinthians 3:16*: “*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*”
 3. God is living within us if we have confessed with our mouth and believed in our heart. *Romans 10:9*, page 1107.
- C. We have a hint of our future dwelling place – unseen dimension:
 1. Stand here in this building confined to this place.
 2. In my mind, however, I can see and almost experience the tree stand in the Parma area.
 3. I can hear the running water in the creek, smell the woods, and recall the deer that traveled in the area.
 4. My body holds me here, but my mind and senses are free to travel.
- D. Someday our dwelling place, our reality, will change.
 1. *I Corinthians 15:51-54*, page 1126.
 2. *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*, page 1157.
- E. We will go to God and dwell/live with Him in His house, His world.

II. In His House/Dwelling Place.

- A. I cannot fully comprehend His house.
- B. The scripture gives us a glimpse of God and His dwelling place.
 - 1. *John 4:24: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*
 - 2. *Acts 1:9-11: "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"*
 - 3. God is everywhere; He knows no limits.
- C. It's amazing that God is developing our dwelling place called heaven. *John 14:1-3*, page 1051.
- D. Heaven is described in *Revelation 21:9-27*, page 1218.
 - 1. What the world searches for (gold) will be commonplace.
 - 2. What is considered important now will be unimportant.
- E. What John saw (Holy City) is only a small part of what we will experience in heaven.
 - 1. More importantly, we will see and experience God in a totally different way.
 - 2. We will worship in the visible presence of God.
 - 3. We will actually rule with God.

III. Forever.

- A. We cannot comprehend living in an atmosphere where time does not exist.
 - 1. We have about six clocks in our house.
 - 2. Dave Crown has two hundred plus clocks in his house.
 - 3. Our lives are governed by time.
 - 4. Time to get up, time to go to work, time to eat, time to mow the lawn, and time to go to bed.
- B. In God's dwelling place, there is not time. *Psalm 90:4: "For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night."*
- C. In God's dwelling place, there is no ending point.
- D. In God's dwelling place, there are no limitations.

Conclusion:

- 1. Song: "When we've been there ten thousand years."
- 2. The time is near:
 - A. In a timeless eternity, about two thousand years have passed.
 - B. In a timeless eternity, it is unwise to set dates.
 - C. In a timeless eternity, we must read the signs of prophecy.
- 3. World events would suggest that the return of Jesus Christ is near.
- 4. The last words of the Bible, *Revelation 22:20-21*, page 1219.
- 5. Jesus urges us to live in constant anticipation of His return. *Matthew 24:42: "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."*