

Pt III. Surely Goodness & Mercy: Lord My Restorer (Psalm 23:3)

1. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me/ pursue me all my days
2. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever
 - “*My Shepherd*” – *I shall not want* Jehovah (YHWH) *Jireh* ‘my provider’
 - *lie down in green pastures...beside still waters* YHWH *shalom* – ‘my peace’
 - *He Restores My soul* – Jehovah (YHWH) *ropecha*– “My healer”
 - *righteousness for His name’s sake* (YHWH) *Tsidkenu* ‘my righteousness’

I. Sheep Go Astray

- All of God’s sheep – it is in our heart to stray from our shepherd
- Noah -Gen 9:20; Abraham, Isaac (Gen 20:21; 26:9) David (Ps 51)
- David: Ps 119:176 *I have gone astray like a lost sheep seek your servant*

II. The Lord (Jesus) Restores His Sheep

- Exodus – waters of Marah (15:25-27) “*For I am the Lord who heals you*”
- Israel turned from God: serpents bite – bronze serpent (Num 21:4-9)
- God promised: new heart & give His Spirit (Jer 31,32; Ezek 36:24-29)
- Jesus *cleanses temple, purifies people* (Mal 3:1-5) *healing in his wings* (4:1-2)
- *Fountain opened for house of David* (Zech 13:1) *Nicodemus* (Jn 3:1-17)

III. He Leads His sheep in Paths of Righteousness for His Name’s sake

- Jesus *prepares a place for His people: will come to get them* (Jn 14:1-7)
- Peter tells us Jesus died for our sins to heal us forever (1 Pet 2:24)
- We will be with Jesus & see the glory God has given Him (Jn 17:24)