

Growth Assignment

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Is God Good? No Fear

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (I don't lack anything)

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*

³ *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

⁴ *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, My cup overflows.*

⁶ ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*** **Psalm 23: 1 – 6 (ESV)**

All the benefits of Psalm 23 are for those who trust in the Lord as their shepherd. In verse 6 the emphasis is on God's goodness and mercy as his goodness watches over us, his grace works in us, and his glory waits for us.

Romans 8: 28 (ESV)

... we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...

1. Even though God's goodness is watching over you doesn't mean everything that happens in your life will be good. Think back on a time when God created good out of a bad thing that happened to you. Spend some time thanking Him for this blessing. How can remembering this event help you when another storm strikes in your life?

Isaiah 60: 10 (NLT)

I will now have mercy on you through my grace.

2. Reflect on a time when you were most aware of God's ongoing grace and mercy. Since we can expect both God's provision and pardon all the days of our lives, spend a few minutes thinking about one or two ways to cultivate awareness of both. What are some things that can prevent a person from extending grace and/or mercy to friends, family, neighbors or enemies?

Romans 9: 23 (NLT)

He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory.

3. Can you explain how God's mercy has prepared us to receive his glory in heaven? Describe how the promise of eternal life in heaven can give more meaning and purpose to your earthly life.