



**A HOME (Blessing)**  
*(Psalm 23)*

**GOODNESS.** If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will you Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

*(Matthew 7:11)*

**MERCY** When I said,, “MY foot is slipping,” your mercy [loving kindness], O Lord, supported me.

*(Psalm 94:18)*

**hesad** = mercy, loyalty, loving kindness,  
steadfast love, love

“Surely goodness and mercy will **FOLLOW** me...”

• **pursuit** and **accompaniment**

\*For the **sheep**, this is the vigilance  
of the **shepherd**.

## GOODNESS

- supplies my needs
- prevents trouble
- inspires my heart

## MERCY

- forgives my sins
- rescues from trouble
- inspires my heart

“and I will dwell in the **HOUSE OF THE LORD...**”

1. A place to **live**

- realm where **God's** **presence** and **will**  
is supreme; residence

## 2. a place to learn

- where we take time to understand  
and love God



### 3. a place to link

- where **we** encounter or contact  
or interact or meet with **God**

In a Old Testament vision of “the new heavens and new earth” (*Isaiah 65*), the prophet pictures a world (place) of pure bliss, harmony, and perfection. God call Jerusalem “my holy mountain.”

In a very similar New Testament vision (*Revelation 21*), “the Holy city” is seen descending from the heavens to the earth. A voice says, “Now the **dwelling** of God is with men, and he will **live with them!**”

Surely goodness and mercy will follow  
me **all the days of my life**, and [then]  
I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
**forever.**

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

*(John 17:24)*

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you will also appear with him in glory.

*(Colossians 3:3)*