



DISCIPLE

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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21_6 | PSALMS

Passage: Psalms 23

USING DISCIPLE SKILLS

Meditating on Psalm 23

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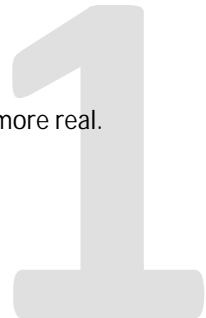
Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
(Psalms 1:1-2)

Psalm 119 - Meditation

- (v. 15) "I will meditate on all Your precepts . . ."
- (v. 23) "Your servant meditates on Your statutes."
- (v. 27) "So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works."
- (v. 48) "And I will meditate on Your statutes."
- (v. 78) "But I will meditate on Your precepts."
- (v. 97) "Oh, I how I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day."
- (v. 99) "For Your testimonies are my meditation."
- (v. 148) "My eyes are awake through the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word."

Rewards for Meditation

- ❶ One's relationship with God will grow deeper and more real.
- ❷ The Word of God becomes more exciting.
- ❸ Hymns become more meaningful.
- ❹ Worship becomes richer.



(v. 1) The LORD is my shepherd.

(v. 1) "I shall not want"

(v. 5) "My cup runs over . . ."

- God back to verse 1 - "I shall not lack!"
- Here the disciple says, "I have more than I expected!"; "More than I have asked for"; "More than I desired"; "More than I am able to hold" - "MY CUP RUNS OVER!" (See John 10:10; Psalm 36:7-9)
- See John 21:4-6; Luke 5:4-8.
- See Paul's prayer for the saints at Ephesians 3:14-21.

(v. 6) Surely, Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me

- "Surely" - the disciple is absolutely SURE of God's GRACE.



ROMANS 8:28-30

- It was by God's grace that God elected him to be His own special person (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 1:3-4; Psalm 65:4)
- It was by God's grace that He sent His Son and crucified Him for the propitiation for his sins. (Isaiah 53:6, 10; 1 John 4:10)
- It was by God's grace that caused God to bestow Christ's righteousness on all His children. (Romans 5:17; Isaiah 61:10)
- It was by God's grace that He bestowed the gift eternal life on ALL whom Christ died. (Romans 6:23; Titus 1:2)
 - ➔ God's gifts are IRREVOCABLE! (Romans 9:29)
 - ➔ God does not change! (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; Titus 1:1-2)
- It was by God's grace that He would call all of His special people in due time! (Romans 8:28, 30; 9:11, 23-24; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 1 Peter 5:10)
- It was by God's grace that He would beget His special people to be His very own children. (John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:; James 1:18; 1 John 3:1)

- It was by God's grace that His people are co-heirs with Christ as heirs of God. (Romans 8:16-17)
 - Our inheritance:
 - ① A city built by God. (Hebrews 11:13-16)
 - ② Many mansions. (John 14:1-6)
 - ③ A feast/banquet. (Luke 12:37; Revelation 19:7-9)
 - ④ No more pain, death, temptation, sickness, etc. (Revelation 21:1-5)
 - ★ A new heaven and a new earth - "Behold, I make all things new!"
 - ⑤ A seat on Christ' throne and to reign with Him. (Revelation 3:21)
 - ⑥ New bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)
 - ⑦ GOD HIMSELF! (Psalm 73:25-26)
 - Heaven is our HOME - the Father's Land! (Hebrews 11:13-16)
 - The LORD is our portion! (Lamentations 3:24; Psalm 16:5)
 - In His presence is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)
 - This inheritance is reserved/secured for us in heaven by the power of God. (1 Peter 1:4-5)
 - "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man to the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- It was God's grace that caused Him to give His people the gift of faith - ability to believe! (Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 13:48)
- It was God's grace that moved Him to give His Holy Spirit as a DEPOSIT and ability to obey His commands to all His people. (Ezekiel 36:26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5)
- It is by God's grace that He will complete the work that He started. (Philippians 1:6; 2:13; Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 138:8; Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)
- It is by Christ's intercession that we are saved to the "uttermost" because Christ "always lives to make intercession" for those whom He died. (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; Isaiah 53:12; John 17:9-26)
- It is by God's grace that He has promised never to forsake His people. (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 41:10)

- ★ THEREFORE . . . the disciple can be absolutely sure that he will be escorted into the presence of his God at his death. His confidence is not in himself but in the work and promises of his God and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- ★ THEREFORE . . . the disciple can be absolutely sure because of GOD'S WORD!

- (v. 6) "Goodness"