



# DISCIPLE

**Desire Determination Discipline Diligence Delight Doer**

Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21\_6m PSALMS

Passage: Psalms 23

## USING DISCIPLE SKILLS

Meditating on Psalm 23

### DISCIPLES MEDITATE

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)

### Rewards for Meditation

(v. 1) The LORD is my shepherd.

(v. 1) "I shall not want"

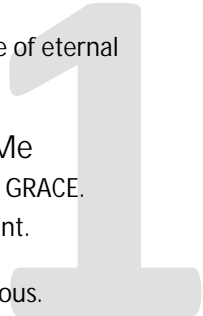
(v. 5) "My cup runs over . . ."

(v. 6) Promise

- Continual divine goodness and mercy and assurance of eternal fellowship with the LORD!

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

- **"Surely"** - the disciple is absolutely SURE of God's GRACE.
- (v. 6) "Goodness" - 512 times in the Old Testament.
  - What is the meaning of "goodness"?
    - ➔ The quality of being morally good or virtuous.



- From "good" - that which is morally right; righteousness.
- BUT what is "goodness" here!
  - Since this is the word of God man's definition is NOT sufficient!
    - Consider "good" in Genesis 1:31 - "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."
      - Consider Isaiah 46:9-11; 45:7; Acts 15:18; 1 Peter 1:19-20
      - See Isaiah 53:10
      - See Matthew 19:17; Romans 3:12
      - See Matthew 11:20-26
  - "Goodness" must be defined by God - NOT man!
    - Consider Psalm 31:19; Lamentations 3:23-25
    - Consider 1 Corinthians 2:9
  - ★ God's goodness is GREAT - greater than what any man can imagine.
  - ★ (Psalm 136:1-3) Oh! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!; for His mercy endures forever!
- (v. 6) "Mercy" or "Lovingkindness"
  - ➔ This Hebrew word found 241 times. It is translated: "mercy", "kindness"; lovingkindness.
    - "lovingkindness" - Psalm 36:7-10; 40:11; 51:1; 63:3.
      - ★ (Psalm 136:1-3) "His lovingkindness is everlasting" (NASB); "His steadfast love endures forever" (ESV); "His loyal love" (NET); "His mercy endures forever" (NKJV); "His love is eternal" (CSB)
    - "mercy" - Psalm 86:13-15; 57:13; 94:18; 103:8, 11, 17; 115:1-3; 119:64.
      - ★ (Lamentation 3:22-24) Consider the context of these verses.
    - "kindness" - Psalm 31:21; 117:2; 119:76.
- (v. 6) "Shall follow me"
  - "follow" - "to run after; to chase; to put to flight; to hunt; to pursue"
    1. The verb is in the PERFECT mood - show an action started and continuing to completion. As we saw in Lamentations 3:22-24.
    2. The verb picture one's determination not to give up or quit.

- (v. 6) "All the days of my life" - ALL is ALL to the end!
- (v. 6) "And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."
  - The promise of promises - to dwell with the LORD forever.
    - See Hebrews 11:13-16; Psalm 16:11; 17:15; 73:24-26; 2 Cor 5:1; Philippians 1:23.

