



## Abounding Grace for my... "ETERNAL BLISSFULNESS"

Psalm 23:6b

Human beings are unavoidably hope based creatures. How we live in the present is inevitably shaped by what we believe about our future. Therefore, the more heavenly minded we are the more earthly good we will be (Col3:1-4; 1John3:1-3). Christians should live as if they had died, gone to heaven and come back.

Psalm 23:6b and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### ETERNAL BLISSFULNESS

#### I SHALL DWELL

- A certainty you're going there.  
1John5:13; Mark1:14-15; John10:3-4
- A longing to be there. Phil1:21-23

#### IN THE HOUSE (HOME)

- Heaven is a home of love beyond your wildest dreams.  
John14:1-3
- The church is to be the model home of the new neighborhood Jesus is building for eternity. (Harvie Conn)  
Eph2:19; John13:34-35

#### OF THE LORD

Ancient theologians often spoke of the "beatific vision."  
The term comes from three Latin words that together mean "a happy-making sight." The sight they spoke of was God.

- We will see God's face and live, but we will likely wonder if we ever lived before we saw His face! (Alcorn/Heaven)  
Rev22:4; 1Cor13:12
- God will dwell with us fully and freely and we will see Him without end, enjoy Him without limits and praise Him without weariness. Rev21:3; 2Cor6:16

## FOREVER

If you are here by Divine Design and will Live Forever...

- You will live for God to be most glorified in you as you are most satisfied in Him. Matt6:19-21
- You will face suffering with an inward gracious quiet spirit that joyfully rests in God's presence and providence. 2Cor4:16-18
- You will lovingly and sacrificially work to help others find their deepest satisfaction in Christ. Phil1:23-26; 2Cor1:24

### Growing Notes

- 1) What comes to mind when you think about heaven? Why do you think the more heavenly minded you are the more earthly good you will be (Col3:1-4; 1John3:1-3)?
- 2) Read Psalm 23. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better David ends this Psalm with a crescendo by saying, "The best is yet to come!" Explain. What has been the overall mood of Psalm 23? What is a life without lack (contentment)?
- 3) Review the four dissected sections of v6b and their subpoints along with related verses. Are you certain you are going to heaven? How can a person be certain (1John5:13; Mark1:14-15; John10:3-4)? Why would the sign of a healthy Christian be a longing for heaven (Phil1:21-23)?
- 4) Heaven is a home of love beyond our wildest dreams (John 14:1-3). Explain. How is the church to be the model home of the new neighborhood Jesus is building for eternity (Eph2:19; John 13:34-35)? What do you think it will be like to see God face to face (Rev22:4; 1Cor13:12)? Why is seeing God's face the loftiest of all aspirations (Ps27:4)?
- 5) If we are here by Divine design and will live forever, what difference should that have in how we live our lives (Matt6:19-21), face suffering (2Cor4:16-18) and help others to find their deepest satisfaction in Christ (Phil1:23-26; 2Cor1:24)? What have you enjoyed most about this series? Pray Psalm 23.