

**Lesson 14 – Psalm 23:6a**  
**“Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me”**

**1. “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:”**

- a. “goodness” = \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. “mercy” = *hesed* = \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = tender and benevolent (marked by kindness, generosity, and goodwill) \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. How many Christians actually feel this way about Christ?
  - 1) When things are going \_\_\_\_\_, the answer is probably \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) But when things are not going so good, what is the answer?

**2. Three aspects concerning this verse:**

- a. This verse is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. This verse is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) “*shall follow*” in the sense of to \_\_\_\_\_ closely or to \_\_\_\_\_ hard upon.
  - 2) **Rom 8:28** – “And we know that \_\_\_\_\_ things work together for \_\_\_\_\_ to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
  - 3) **Ps 145:8-9** – “The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, and full of \_\_\_\_\_; slow to \_\_\_\_\_, and of great \_\_\_\_\_. The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ to all: and his tender \_\_\_\_\_ are over all his works.”
- c. This verse is an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) “*shall follow*” in the sense of following \_\_\_\_\_ me, i.e. what I leave \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Sheep under proper \_\_\_\_\_ can be the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all livestock:
    - a) Their \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. what they leave \_\_\_\_\_) is the best \_\_\_\_\_ of any produced by domestic stock.
    - b) They \_\_\_\_\_ on the high grounds so their \_\_\_\_\_ enriches the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ grounds which is then washed by rain down to the \_\_\_\_\_ lands.

c) They eat all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ plants that might otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a field.

d) They can \_\_\_\_\_ an all most \_\_\_\_\_ piece of land into lush \_\_\_\_\_ in just a couple of \_\_\_\_\_.

3) What do we leave behind?

a) Forgiveness or \_\_\_\_\_, contentment or \_\_\_\_\_, joy or \_\_\_\_\_, gladness or \_\_\_\_\_, pleasure or \_\_\_\_\_, love or \_\_\_\_\_?

b) Do folks want to \_\_\_\_\_ me or \_\_\_\_\_ they ever \_\_\_\_\_ me?

c) Do I want to \_\_\_\_\_ folks back to places I been \_\_\_\_\_, or do I want to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_?

d) **Read Matt 5:43-46.**

e) **John 13:35** – “By \_\_\_\_\_ shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have \_\_\_\_\_ one to another.”

f) **Matt 28:19-20** – “\_\_\_\_\_ ye therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**3. The example of Joseph – Gen 37, 39-47, 50:15-21.**