

The Goodness & Mercy of God

Psalm 23:6a

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Psalm 23:6a, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"

What does it mean for goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives?

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me"

• "Follow" = " _____ "

- It is diligent and dedicated to the chase.

"All the days of my life" = " _____ "

The Goodness of God

• The Hebrew word for good (tov - טוב) has a variety of meanings

• Good as in _____.

- Pleasant; desirable (*Gen 49:15; 2 Sam 19:27*)
- Beautiful (*Gen 26:7; Ex 2:2*)
- Productive; valuable (*Ezek 34:14*)
- Usable (*Isa 41:7*)
- Qualitatively good (*Gen 1*)
- Better (*Ex 14:12; 1 Sam 15:22*)

• Good as in _____.

- Advantageous (*1 Kgs 21:2*)
- Kind (*1 Sam 25:15*)
- Cheerfulness (*Esth 5:9*)
- Welfare; prosperity (*Job 21:13; Jer 8:15*)

• Good as in _____. (*Deut 6:18; 1 Kgs 8:36*)

• What does David mean here? -Goodness here means

the _____ of _____.

Teach me oh Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

Psalm 119:33

All scripture references, unless otherwise noted, are taken from the English Standard Version 2011

The Mercy of God

- This is the Hebrew word *Hesed* (חֶסֶד), which is a word too deep to translate adequately.
- ESV translates it as kindness, steadfast love, faithfulness, compassion, mercy, favour, devout, loyal, good deeds, and beauty.
- Selected passages on *Hesed*: *Ex 15:13; 2 Sam 2:5-6; 9:1; 2 Chr 35:26; Esth 2:17; Isa 16:5; 40:6; 57:1; 63:7; Jer 31:3; Lam 3:22, 32; Dan 1:9; Hos 6:6*
- We cannot adequately translate the word because we cannot adequately _____ the _____ of _____ and _____.
- Perhaps the best way to define it is through how God describes Himself in Exodus 34:6-7.
- "The kindness of God is: _____; _____ in _____; _____; _____" –Brown, Driver, Briggs

God alone is _____ (*Mark 10:18*), and He is _____ than all.

God is _____. (*1 John 4:8*)

Goodness and mercy following us mean _____, as our Shepherd, _____.

For Us:

1. _____ the _____, _____ (*Zech 7:9; Micah 6:8; 7:18*)
2. _____ (*Ex 34:6-7*)
3. _____.
4. _____.