

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY

February 28, 2021 Psalm 23

Al Smith and John W. Peterson wrote the song “Surely Goodness and Mercy...” in 1958 after receiving a letter from one of the descendants of P. P. Bliss. It is based on Psalm 23. “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing...” Can you say that the Lord is **MY** shepherd?

1. My shepherd found me – but we think we found Him

- “A pilgrim was I, and a wand’ring. In the cold night of sin I did roam. When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me and now I am on my way home.” Home.
- The lost must be found. Luke 15:3-7 What happens if they are not found?

2. My shepherd provides everything I need

- “He restoreth my soul when I’m weary.” Psalm 23;3
- “He giveth me strength day by day.”
- “He leads me beside the still waters.”
- “He guards me each step of the way.” 23:4 “Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”
- Will you trust Him? Jesus wants you to experience peace.

3. My shepherd protects me and promises abundance

- “When I walk through the dark lonesome valley, My Savior will walk with me there (23:4); And safely His great hand will lead me to the mansions He’s gone to prepare.”
- “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.”
- “And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table spread for me.” What is your experience? Feast or famine?