

The Believer's Devine Caretaker

Psalm 23:3b

He leads me on the path of righteousness for His name sake.

Introduction: The Shepherd who . . .

1. Leads – Isaiah 42:16
2. Teaches – Psalm 25:4

Remember our identity as believers: sheep, children, slaves.

We must acknowledge His leadership and teachings so our pathway will be straight. Proverbs 3:6 - *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.* In a circumstance or crisis, acknowledge your deficiency while acknowledging God's sufficiency.

I. The believer's walk is on the path of righteousness. This path we walk on is . . .

1. a path of **mercy** (lovingkindness) and truth. Ps. 25:10

The cross of Christ is the beginning of our pathway of righteousness. It was there we received mercy.

2. a path of **Truth** – John 1:14, 14:6, Jere. 7:28, Zech. 8:16
3. a path of life and no death. Proverbs 12:28
4. a path of peace. Proverbs 3:17
5. a narrow path. Matthew 7:13-14
6. a path that leads to the kingdom of God. Rom. 14:17

The resurrection of Jesus creates this path of righteousness for us to walk on.

II. The believer's warnings to stay on the path of righteousness.

1. Path of the wicked – Psalm 1:1
2. Path of destruction of the unrighteous – Romans 3:16
3. Path of the forgotten God – Romans 3:18

III. The believer's dependence on the Word of the Lord allows the believer to stay on the path of righteousness.

1. The Word is light for my path – Ps. 119:105
2. Delight of the Word – Psalm 119:35
3. Abide in the Word – John 8:31-32

The Takeaway: All for His name sake or for His glory. Psalm 106:7-8

The chief end of man is to glorify the Lord and to enjoy Him forever.

Westminster Confession

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.

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