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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21_6h PSALMS Passage: Psalms 23

USING DISCIPLE SKILLS

Psalm 23

(v. 4) "Yea, though I walk . . . "

- To "walk" is to LIVE. Our walk is OUR LIFE. As we walk we live.
 - ★ Read Psalm 119:1, 3, 35, 45; 128:1; Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 5:16, 25; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; 5:8; Colossians 1:9-11; 1 Thess 2:12; 4:1; 1 John 1:6-7; 1 John 2:6; 2 John 6.
 - ➤ Either one walks according to the ways of the world (which is under the influence/sway of the devil that leads to death 1 John 5:19; Ephesians 2:1-3; Matthew 7:13) **OR** he walks in the ways of God that leads to life. (Matthew 7:14)
- "walk" signifies an ACTION.
- "walk" signifies a VOLUNTARY ACT. Our lives, as is the other 8 billion
 people alive today, are under the control of <u>the</u> sovereign God BUT
 God holds us for how we walk. MEDITATE.
- "walk" signifies DIRECTION.
 - ➤ While walking you either going forward or backwards. (See Jeremiah 7:24, 26; 32:33) Meditate on Hebrews 2:1.
 - ➤ Since the FUTURE is UNCERTAIN and we are in a wilderness we NEED a Guide.
 - → (Psalm 119:105) God's Word (in its entirely Psalm 119:160) is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. See also Proverbs 6:23.
 - → (Matthew 7:13-14) There is a narrow gate to enter but there is also a way that leads to life.
 - → (John 16:13) God sent His Spirit to lead us into TRUTH. (See Isaiah 30:21)

- → God Himself, in the Cloud and Pillar of Fire, led His people through the wilderness. (Exodus 13:21; Nehemiah 9:19)
- → God's path is marked out by His commandments. (Psalm 119:35)
- → A disciple avoids WRONG/DANGEROUS/EVIL paths. (Psalm 1:1-3; Proverbs 4:14-15)
- "walk" signifies a MANNER of walking.
 - ➤ God told Abraham, "Walk before Me blameless." (Genesis 17:1)
 - ➤ Paul commands the saints at Ephesus, "See then that you walk circumspectly . . . for the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-17)
 - ➤ (Proverbs 4:25-27) One must walk with his eyes open focused on his goal.
 - **✗** When people ignore God's ways/word they:
 - ➤ Wander to the left and right. (See Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 4:27)
 - ➤ They drift away. (Hebrews 2:1)
 - ➤ Disciples walk as "children of light" NOT darkness. (Ephesians 5:8)
 - ➤ Disciples walk (live) in a manner that pleases God.
 - → See Enoch Genesis 5:18-32; Hebrews 11:5-6; Jude 14-16
 - → We are to pray that we and our brethren walk in a manner that is "fully pleasing" to God. (Colossians 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 3:22)
- "walk" signifies a GOAL.
 - ➤ Paul says he presses forward to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14)
 - ➤ Our first goal for 2025 is to pursue PERFECTION. (Philippians 3:12-14; Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 4:13)
 - ➤ (Hebrews 11:13-16) The "Father's Land" is our goal.
- "walk" signifies PROGRESS.
 - ➤ Disciples GROW and MATURE in <u>the</u> faith. (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 14:20; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:1-2)