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"I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever"

The Psalmist ends this "Pearl of Psalms" with the wonderful thought of "dwelling with the Lord forever."

I believe David is at the end of his life and now the "house of the Lord" is about the Shepherd's ever abiding presence.

I. Punishment of Sin that caused us to be cast away from His Presence

Genesis 3: 22-24 *"Then the Lord God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us...therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden...So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.'"*

II. Promise of His Dwelling seen in the Tabernacle and the Temple

Exodus 29: 42 God promises to meet them at the door of the tabernacle and speak to them.

And, **verse 43** - *"And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory."*

Verse 46 - *"that I may dwell among them."*

When David wishes to build a Temple in **II Samuel 7**, God says (in verses 6-7) *"I have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle, In all the places where I have walked with all the children of Israel..."*

III. Person of His Dwelling Came in Jesus

Matthew 1:23 - the main theme of Christ is best heard in the word "Emmanuel" meaning "God with us."

John 1:14 *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth..."*

In Christ, the fullness of God dwelt.

At the request of Phillip to *"show us the Father,"* Jesus replied in **John 14:9** *"He who has seen Me has seen the Father."*

Colossians 1:19 *"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell."*



IV. Permanence of His Dwelling in us spiritually is through the Holy Spirit

John 14: 17 *"but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

John 14: 23 *"and We will come to him and make Our home with him."*

John 14: 16 *"He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."*

This is not just for a season or special occasion, but forever.

V. Pilgrimage to a Physical Dwelling Place

John 14:2 *"I go to prepare a place for you."*

The Shepherd always brought his sheep back home.

Revelation 7:17 *"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters."*

Revelation 3:12 *"I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more."*

Revelation 21:3 *"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"*

And we can be assured our Shepherd will lead us safely home.

And we shall dwell forever - "the length of days."

Because He came to us, we can live with Him and go to Him to live eternally.

Does He dwell with you?

This Psalm begins and ends with the Lord; He is our Shepherd.