# "Shepherd" (11)

"For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:6 NLT)

#### **Permanent Presence**

Psalm 23:6 - "...And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever (for length of days)."

<u>John 14:16-17</u> – (16) "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, <u>to be with you forever</u>, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

### **Continual Care**

<u>Leviticus 24:3-4, 8</u> – (3) "Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall arrange it from evening to morning before the LORD <u>regularly</u>. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. (4) He shall arrange the lamps on the lampstand of pure gold before the LORD <u>regularly</u>. (8) Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the LORD regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant forever."

<u>Deuteronomy 11:11-12</u> – (11) "But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, (12) <u>a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."</u>

1 Corinthians 3:9, 16 – (9) "... You are God's field, God's building... (16) Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

<u>Psalm 46:1-7</u> – (1) "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, (3) though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (4) There is a river whose streams <u>make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High</u>. (5) God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. (6) The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. (7) The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

### **Home Away from Home**

Genesis 28:15-17 – (15) "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' (16) Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.' (17) And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'"

## **Home Coming**

Luke 15:17-24 – (17) "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! (18) I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. (19) I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' (20) And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. (21) And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' (22) But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. (23) And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. (24) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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