**SINGING:**  10 - 1:1,2 - 354 - 249 - 56

**READING:** Exodus 20: 1–17; Psalm 23; Isaiah 11: 1-9

 **THE SHEPHERD GUIDING THE SHEEP HOME**

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Text: Psalm 23: 6

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days*

*of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

1. **What follows the sheep?**
2. **Where are Christ’s sheep going?**
* Two distinct interpretations are suggested in these

words. We will look at both considerations.

* Your Shepherd will follow your journey in this life

with His goodness and mercy, all the days onward.

* Aren’t there times that also God’s children have the

same reluctance to move on from where God has led

them to.

* Is your soul growing in the understanding of the

Shepherd and His precious truths?

* Are those sins that we could so easily put away in

the past back in the places where they once were?

* The staff or rod would become the instrument to

correct, guide, pull back, or administer a firm tick

on the nose of a sheep.

* I shall not want anything that the shepherd thinks

I need.

* What a truthful picture this is of us mankind. The

history of mankind in one long story of destruction.

* Are we such a flock of sheep that leave goodness and

mercy in our tracks?

* Am I shepherded by Jehovah? Is he leading me,

guiding me, transforming me, and working in me?

* There are all kinds of beautiful names for heaven,

but the dearest is “home”.

* I see in my mind all those sheep together as all the

different races and cultures in unity.

* But there comes a day that we are going to see this

real Jesus as He really is.

* There He will show the exceeding riches of His grace

to all ages, without end.

* Has He become more precious?

Continue to beg Him to show you His glory. Nothing

exceeds the glory of God as seen in the Person of

Jesus Christ.

* As you look around, isn’t it clear how much of this

planet is under God’s curse?

* Is your shepherd truly leading you to life?

Is your shepherd able to reconcile you to God?