

C. The **Characteristics** Of Heaven – “of the Lord”.

Heaven is the presence of all that is good and the absence of all that is bad.

“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

II Corinthians 5:1

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

D. The **Consistency** Of Heaven – “forever”.

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

I Peter 2:11

“...he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

John 5:24b

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.”

Psalm 23:6

STRESSBUSTERS
Busting The Stress Of The Future
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you ready to bust your stress? In these tough times you long for a more peaceful life. Our Stressbusters teaching series will show you how to bust six forms of stress. This series is based on the famous Psalm 23. This powerful Psalm, written by David, has given comfort to countless people.

“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.”

II Corinthians 1:8

B. Watch this series and find the ultimate relief for the daily stresses of your life. The messages include:

May 10	Busting The Stress Of Worry
May 17	Busting The Stress Of Damaged Emotions
May 24	Busting The Stress Of Indecision
May 31	Busting The Stress Of Dark Valleys
June 7	Busting The Stress Of Difficult Relationships
TODAY	Busting The Stress Of The Future
June 21	Living With The Lord As My Shepherd

C. **TEXT:** Psalm 23:6 (Pew Bible/Page 537/Old Testament)

The word “surely” assures you of **confidence**.

BUSTING THE STRESS OF THE FUTURE

You can face the future confidently...

I. BECAUSE **GOODNESS** IS WATCHING OVER YOU

“Surely goodness...shall follow me All the days of my life;...”
Psalm 23:6a

“The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”
Psalm 34:8

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”
Romans 8:28

II. BECAUSE **MERCY** IS WORKING IN YOU

“Surely...mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;...”
Psalm 23:6a

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”
I Peter 1:3

*“22 Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.
23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”*
Lamentations 3:2

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
Hebrews 4:16

III. BECAUSE **HEAVEN** IS WAITING FOR YOU

“...And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.”
Psalm 23:6b

A. The **Certainty** Of Heaven – “and I will dwell”.

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”
I John 5:13

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”
II Corinthians 5:8

B. The **Company** Of Heaven – “in the house”.

*“2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*
John 14:2-3

“And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 8:11

“...I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”
II Samuel 12:23b