

The luggage of life: The burden of doubt.

V6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

How does God deal with our **doubts**?

He pursues us until we finally see him as our Father, even if it takes all the days of our lives!
Then we will dwell in the house of the lord forever!

Each word banishes our burden of **doubt** “*goodness; mercy; all the days; dwell in the house of the Lord; forever.*”

1. Surely. Assuredly Absolutely Certainly Unquestionably.

He believed in a sure God, who makes sure promises and provides a sure foundation.

2. Goodness and mercy.

Not **goodness** alone. For we are sinners in need of **mercy**.

Not **mercy** alone for we are fragile and in need of **goodness**.

- ***Goodness to supply every want.***
- ***Mercy to forgive every sin.***
- ***Goodness to provide.***
- ***Mercy to pardon.***

3. All the days of my life.

Days of child rearing; dead end job; loneliness; heartbreak; bereavement; old age and infirmity.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow you, not some, not most, not nearly all, but all the days of my life!

4. He will follow you.

Not **static** God, enthroned in heaven who remotely rules. No, a **mobile** God!

A God, who follows us, and wins us over, with goodness and mercy .

Adam and Eve

Moses

Jonah

The disciples

John the Apostle

Lazarus

You can trust God to be there for you. Give your doubts to him.

5. I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

This world is not my home; I'm only passing through. Ecc 3:11 *God has set eternity in the hearts of men.*

Don't quench, but rather stir the longing for heaven. *I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

- At that moment only one bag will remain. Not guilt that was left at Calvary. Not fear of death that was left in the grave!
- The only lingering luggage will be the longing for home. You will soon set it down, however, when you see him!
- You'll drop your burden when you see your Father.
- Your Father will say "Welcome Home!" And with scarred hand he will wipe every tear from your eyes. And you will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever!