

-Evidence to justify this change:

- 1) Fits context, implies David is a permanent guest.
- 2) Is rendered this way in LXX and Symmachus.
- 3) Psa. 27:4 uses the same word with QIC pointing when speaking of a parallel idea.

- "Length of days"

- Usage in Job 12:12 with a synonymous parallelism implies meaning of "a long time."
- Here has the sense of "the rest of his life."

- "House" is figurative of fellowship with the Lord.

- This care is only for believers in the Lord (His sheep).
- Keller: takes house as the family of God.

Some say David did not write this Psalm because of the reference to the "house of the Lord" => Temple in Jerusalem. But see Ex. 23:19, Judges 18:31, and 1 Samuel 1:7.

-Many want to change pointing of "death shadow" so that it means "deep darkness."

שְׁלֵמָה ---> שְׁלֵמָה from שְׁלֵמָה .

- The שְׁלֵמָה ending makes the concrete idea of "black or dark" into an abstract idea.
- Thus this refers to any bitter experience in life, is broader than death.
- Argue that compound words are rare (thus do not occur!).
- Says death idea does not fit imagery, but "deep shadows" do not fit a imagery of a valley in late afternoon.
- Argue "death shadow" is just popular etymology.
- Theirs is not?