

Calvary Chapel Eagle Women's Bible Study

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 – Chapter 1

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Start each time of study with prayer. Ask God to speak to you personally through this study. Read the whole chapter first then go back and reread it to answer the questions. Some questions may take time, especially the personal ones. It's ok to take a couple of days before you answer some of them. Use the back of the sheet if you need more room.

If Jesus is our Shepherd and we are His sheep, that means He is our Lord, Master and Owner. We love the title Savior and can even call Him Lord, but Master and Owner are not the typical titles we give Jesus. In this day and age of individual rights the words “master” and “owner” are politically incorrect and can be very offensive. Describe how each word makes you feel?

Lord:

Master:

Owner:

“I belong to Him simply because He deliberately chose to create me as the object of His own affection.” Consider those words, “deliberately chose.” That means we are not an accident. There was deliberate thought and planning, by the Creator, put into our lives. How do those words make you feel in light of Revelation 4:11?

Do you take pride in your Master? What “marks” does your life bear that lets this world know that you belong to Jesus? Is it an obvious mark for all to see, or is it hidden deeply under all the plans you have for your own life?

At the end of this chapter Mr. Keller challenges us to check our hearts and motives, and evaluate our personal relationship with Jesus. Give more than a “yes or no”, explain your answer, use scriptures if you can.

1. Do I really belong to Him?
2. Do I recognize His right to me?
3. Do I respond to His authority and acknowledge His ownership?
4. Do I find freedom and complete fulfillment in the arrangement?
5. Do I sense a purpose and deep contentment because I am under His direction?
6. Do I know rest and repose, besides a definite sense of exciting adventure, in belonging to Him?

What is the best part of belonging to “The Good Shepherd”? Write out a prayer to Jesus thanking Him for His great care.