

THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD

Psalm 23

Many people look to a particular person as a leader. Biblically speaking God always chooses a leader when He is ready to move His people or move among His people. Every book in the Bible celebrates the personality of one or more leaders that God chose to lead His people. Every nation, group or organization chooses and should celebrate their inspired leaders.

Shepherds are classified as leaders. There is a parallel between shepherds of sheep and shepherds of people. A shepherd's task is to protect and provide so the sheep can prosper. The church should understand that there is only one Shepherd among us and that is the Lord Himself. All other spiritual leaders should be called under shepherds since we serve and are subject to the great Shepherd of the sheep.

Let me share with you three things that can help us celebrate The Lord as our Shepherd.

1. The Shepherd's task is to Guard Us. (vs. 1-2)
 - A. He meets our needs and makes us safe
 - B. He feeds our soul in salvation

2. The Shepherd's task is to Guide Us.
 - A. He refreshes us in righteousness as a companion
 - B. He revives, restores and comfort us

3. The Shepherd's task is to Govern Us.
 - A. He prepares us in the midst of opposition
 - B. He preserves us in the midst of opportunity