

All We Like Sheep

This book, All We Like Sheep, is a practical guide for living the Christian life. The title is taken from Isaiah 53:6. From God's perspective we are all like sheep. Therefore we can understand ourselves through a study of the characteristics of sheep. Isaiah 53:6 also states the nature of human nature, the reason for man's problems and gives us the solution.

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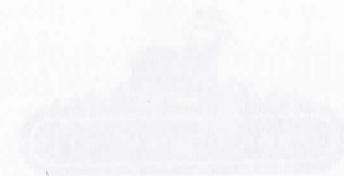
As a popular conference speaker, she has for many years, taught the contents of this book. The following comments are frequently offered by those who have benefited:

- Practical
- Makes sense
- Sounds like you have been looking in my window!
- Identifies my problems
- Humorous
- Honest — not afraid to say you have "blown it"
- Real
- Workable solutions

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This book, *All We Like Sheep*, is a personal guide for living the Christian life. The title is taken from Psalm 124: "All we like sheep have gone astray through a land of darkness, for we have no light." The author, Mary Glynn Peoples, also states the reason for most people's problems and gives us the solution.

Mary Glynn Peoples is not afraid to be unpopular and tell you about her mistakes.

Her popular sermons available for many years, caught the attention of our flock. The following questions are frequently asked by those who have benefited:

- How can I find my way?
- How can I find my way back to God?
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To my three children,
Sam, Dawn and Mark

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To you, the reader — I pray that you will be able to identify with my stories and decide that you, like a sheep, need a shepherd. I desire for you to follow my shepherd, Jesus Christ. He is able to supply your needs according to the riches of His glory, to strengthen you by His might, to enable you to know His love which passeth all knowledge and to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think according to His power.

Author's Note

This book, *All We Like Sheep*, is a practical guide for living the Christian life. You may be wondering about the title! Does it seem strange? Let me help you. These are the first four words from a statement made by the old testament prophet, Isaiah. In the book of Isaiah, chapter 53, verse 6, we read, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Two of the key reasons for my study of the Bible are:

1. To learn what God says about Himself.
2. To learn what God says about me.

Many places in the Bible we find that God likens us to sheep. God created both man and animals. Realizing this, I decided to examine carefully this animal.

For the past 10 years I have been accumulating information about sheep. This also led to an interest in shepherds and their responsibilities. I am excited about what I have learned! In Part I, I have chosen ten characteristics of sheep to share with you. The goal of relating this information: to show our need of following God's provided shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.

To best communicate each characteristic I have divided the information into four sections:

1. Characteristics of sheep
2. A shepherd's care
3. Characteristics of people
4. The shepherd's care

Part II describes how we, like sheep, have turned to our own way. The nature of human nature is to want to have our own way. This strong natural tendency can get us in trouble when it overrides what