



## The Burden of a Lesser God (Psalm 23:1)

Introduction: *Who's afraid of a plastic eagle?*

- I. IN PSALM 23, DAVID WARNS US AGAINST MANMADE GODS.
  - A. A god like – *a genie in a bottle*
  - B. A god like – *a sweet grandpa*
  - C. A god like – *a busy dad*
  - D. Do you want a “god” that just looks nice but does nothing?
  
- II. DAVID TELLS US WHO GOD IS:  
**YAHWEH – MY SHEPHERD**
  - A. **L-O-R-D = Yahweh**, God’s personal name (note: Exodus 3:13-14)
  - B. **Yahweh** = “I Am” –or– “I cause to be” ...  
He’s no plastic, manmade god
  - C. He makes, but was never made (Psalm 90:2)
  - D. He governs, but is ungoverned (John 4:24; Psalm 139:7-8)
  
- III. WE NEED A **YAHWEH**
  - A. We need a L-O-R-D... we need a Shepherd
  - B. We need an unchanging powerful LORD we can count on
  - C. We need --- “*a middle C*” [consider: the tuning fork for pianos]
  - D. We don’t need what Dorothy discovered about  
*The Wizard of Oz*
  - E. We don’t need to carry the **burden of a lesser god!**

Conclusion:

*We have a **Yahweh**... a L-O-R-D... a Good Shepherd  
(John 10:11) Who lays down His life for his sheep.*