

SUMMER BIBLE JAM 2017

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

WISDOM LITERATURE

SEEING

READING IN A GENRE

WISDOM LITERATURE COMES IN THE FORM OF POETRY:

- Images, Examples, Metaphors, Vivid Pictures
- Parallelism - Two lines that work together to enhance the meaning
- Terseness - Economy of expression / short & to the point
- Repeated / Emphasized Words

WISDOM LITERATURE EMPHASIZES:

- Applying Divine principles to life experience
- Seeing all of life in light of the fear of the LORD
- Generalizations for how the world typically works in God's plan
- The "extremes" of life (Creation & Fall) and stark categories (the righteous & the wicked, the wise & the foolish, etc.)

THIS WEEK'S READING

PROVERBS 3; ECCLESIASTES 1-3, 12; JOB 38

SUGGESTED DAILY READING & MEDITATION PLAN:

- Mon: Prov. 3
- Tues: Ecc. 1-2
- Wed: Ecc. 3:1-15
- Thurs: Ecc. 12:9-13
- Fri: Job 38

SAVORING

LETTING A PASSAGE READ YOU

- USE PAGES 12-13 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE
- TAKE NOTES ON WHAT GOD BRINGS TO MIND
- WHAT ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE DOES THIS PASSAGE IDENTIFY OR ADDRESS?
- WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO "LOCATE" YOURSELF IN THIS TEXT?

ENCOUNTERING

EXPERIENTIALLY DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

- USE PAGES 16-17 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE
- WHAT KIND OF AWARENESS OF GOD OR RESPONSE TO GOD IS THE SPIRIT STIRRING IN YOU FROM THESE PASSAGES?

WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE TO GOD DOES ECCLESIASTES CALL FOR?

"For us the 'meaninglessness' of life which the Teacher so ruthlessly exposes would seem to lead to despair or nihilism; for him it is an incitement to true piety. The insignificance of all that is done under the sun leaves him awestruck and silent before God. His inability to control or predict the future provokes him to dependence on God. The futility of attempting to secure his future through wisdom or acts of religion (e.g., making vows) leads him not to impiety but to an understanding of the true nature of obedient trust." (Duane Garrett, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, 345)

DISCUSSING

DIRECTION FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- HOW DOES GOD'S WISDOM INFORM YOUR CURRENT LIFE CONDITIONS?