

Bible Overview: understanding the message in the different books of the Bible.

Video 7—Books of Wisdom (sometimes called poetical books)—**Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs**

What does this part of the Bible tell us about each of the following?

1. Who was Job?

2. Who wrote about half the Psalms?

3. What is the point of the book of Proverbs?

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1. The book of Job shows how despite the devil's efforts, the Lord keeps His people faithful. The book of Job helps the suffering believer recognize God is in control and that we can trust He knows what He is doing, especially since our ability to understand and fathom all God does is truly beyond us. (cf. especially the closing chapters.

2. Psalms is very familiar to us from its use in worship. The book of Psalms contains many important and beautiful descriptions of Jesus and His Work (even though most of it was written 1000 years before Jesus' birth!) Cf. Psalms 2, 16, 22, 23, 45, 72, 110, 118 for just a few of many examples.

3. The book of Proverbs in chapters 1-9 directs us to focus on Wisdom. True Wisdom is defined as trusting the LORD and knowing His Word. Chapter 10-the end of the book gives stand alone or small groupings of proverbs that convey wisdom for living as God's children in this world.

4. Ecclesiastes teaches us that if all you have is life "under the sun," that is, life in this world, your life will be without meaning and end in eternal ruin. However if you live life "under God, or "under *the Son*", then even during the struggles and difficulties that come in a sinful world, you have in your Creator and Savior's promises a life that is filled with meaning, value and that will endure in heaven's joys!

5. Song of Songs depicts the love between a man and a woman, a reflection of the love God has for His people. It is not only a beautiful testimony to the good gift of God of love within the framework of marriage, but also stands as a picture of Christ and His Bride, the Church of believers (cf. Ephesians 5 and many of Jesus' parables).

Memorable verse from this section: Job 19:25-27: ²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!