

**Wisdom Literature
323
Associate Degree
Level**



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

This course covers the poetical books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Students will learn the basic facts and contents of each book and gain an understanding of poetry and wisdom literature in the Bible.

Objectives:

At the end of this course of study students will be able to:

- 1.) Name the five books of wisdom literature.
- 2.) Clarify the exact position of each book on the life grid.
- 3.) List the authors of the proverbs.
- 4.) Apply the precepts of Proverbs to his or her personal life.
- 5.) Summarize the events of Jobs life.
- 6.) Explain the spiritual significance of the Song of Solomon.
- 7.) Defend the inclusion of Ecclesiastes in the Bible.
- 8.) Understand the structure of the Psalms.
- 9.) Expound upon the benefit of praying the Scriptures.

Topics/Concepts:

- The Old Testament definition of wisdom.
- The term “Life grid” and what it means.
- Hebrew poetry as it compares to modern English poetry.
- The book of Proverbs, its placement on the Life Grid, and how it applies to daily life.
- Wisdom, how it differentiates from folly, and the three specific types of people who desperately need it.
- Job’s relationship with his friends and a summary of each of their speeches.
- Job’s revelation of God, specifically his comprehension of His character.
- The Song of Solomon, its cast of characters, and God’s intention for marriage.
- A comparison with the condescension of King Solomon with the incarnation of Jesus.
- A detailed account of Solomon’s fall and his disillusionment with God.
- The beatitudes of the psalms and how they were used in worship.
- The prophecies in the psalms concerning the Christ.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Life Grid: Wisdom from Up Above for Living Here Below, Based on Poetical Books: Poetry and Wisdom in the Bible by Colleen Carter and the Life Grid Bible Study Series from Capital Community Church, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Recommended Alternatives:

Poetical Books: Poetry and Wisdom in the Bible by Colleen Carter

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

1. Introduction to Wisdom Literature
2. Proverbs (Part I)
3. Proverbs (Part II)
4. Job (Part I)
5. Job (Part II)
6. Song of Solomon (Part I)
7. Song of Solomon (Part II)
8. Ecclesiastes (Part I)
9. Ecclesiastes (Part II)
10. Psalms (Part I)
11. Psalms (Part II)
12. Psalms (Part III)

Languages Available:

English, French and Spanish

Course Packet Resources:

Answer Key

eBook

Additional materials available on request at gats@upci.org

Comments:

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