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Dates: September 23-24, October 7-8, October 28-29

PURPOSE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE:

• To encourage you in experiencing more of the abundant life that Jesus came to bring to the glory of God the Father and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOALS:

• Comprehension
  • To increase your knowledge of English Bible in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs.
  • To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs.

• Competence
  • To sharpen your ability to interpret Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
  • To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs in your own life and in the life of the local church.

• Character
  • To grow in your honesty in your relation with God, others, and self.
  • To grow in your wisdom as you live before God, others, and self.
  • To grow in your love for God, others, and self.
REQUIREMENTS

LECTURES

• See Class Schedule

READING

• Futato, Mark D. Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007).
  • You are assigned all 234 pages.
• Kidner, D. The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985).
  • You are assigned all 157 pages.
  • You are assigned all 210 pages.

REFLECTION PAPERS

• You will write three reflection papers.
  • One on a text from the book of Psalms.
  • One on a text from the book of Proverbs.
  • One on a text from the book of Ecclesiastes or Job or Song of Songs.
• Each paper must 2 pages in length, double spaced, with 1 inch margins all around.
• These are not exegetical papers but are more like an extended journal entries that focus on what the meaning of the text for your life or ministry.
• You must read each text at least twice a day for six consecutive days before writing your reflection.
ASSESSMENTS

READING REPORT

- The reading report is worth 10 points.
- You will submit via email a reading report, stating the percentage of required reading done, due on October 28 at 4p.

REFLECTION PAPERS

- Each reflection paper is worth 10 points.
  - Reflection on the book of Psalms, due on October 7 at 4p.
  - Reflection on the book of Proverbs, due on October 21 at 4p.
  - Reflection on the book of Ecclesiastes or Job or Song of Songs, due on November 4p.

EXAMS

- You will take three online exams.
  - One covering the book of Psalms, due on September 30 at 4p.
  - One covering the book of Proverbs, due on October 14 at 4p.
  - One covering the books of Ecclesiastes, Job, and the Song of Songs, due on November 4p.
- Each exam is worth 20 points.
- Coverage
  - Exam #1: Lectures on Psalms and chapters 1-4 in Interpreting the Psalms.
SCHEDULE

WEEKEND 01 (SEPTEMBER 23-24)

- Topic: The book of Psalms
- To be read before class:

WEEKEND 02 (OCTOBER 7-8)

- Topic: The book of Proverbs
- To be read before class:

WEEKEND 03 (OCTOBER 28-29)

- Topics:
  - The book of Job
  - The book of Ecclesiastes
  - The book of Song of Songs
- To be read before class:
FURTHER READING

INTRODUCTION


HEBREW POETRY


PSALMS

- Kidner, D. Psalms (Tyndale OT Commentaries, 14a and 14b; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1975).
- Longman, Tremper III. How to Read the Psalms (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1988).

WISDOM


PROVERBS


**JOB**

• Anderson, F. *Job* (Tyndale OT Commentaries 13; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1976).


**ECCLESIASTES**

• Bartholomew, Craig G. *Ecclesiastes.* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009).


**SONG OF SONGS**


• Longman, Tremper III. *Song of Songs* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005).

**LAMENTATIONS**


# Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

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<th>Rubric</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation</strong> (oral &amp; written)</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>One reading helps students distinguish exegetical language from expository language. Papers must apply this distinction.</td>
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<td>Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course focus in on content of Job-Song of Songs. The students are required to write a paper on Psalm 23 and demonstrate interpretive skills.</td>
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<td>Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>Course deals with the Kingship/Sovereignty of God.</td>
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<td>Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course objectives: 1) Grow in honesty in relation with God, others, and self. 2) Grow in wisdom before God, others, and self. 3) Grow in love for God, others, and self.</td>
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<td>Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
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<td>Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course lectures aim to model this value consistently.</td>
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<td>Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos.</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>One reading helps students distinguish exegetical language from expository language. Papers must apply this distinction.</td>
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<td>Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Study of the Psalms will be applied to issues of modern worship.</td>
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<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
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<td>Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
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<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
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