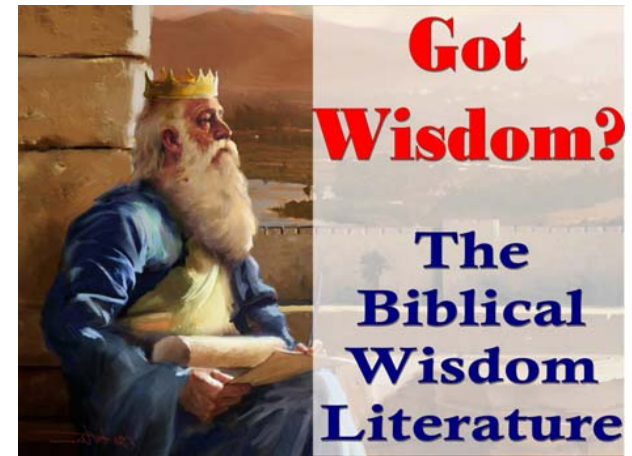


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A Tuesday Evening Study Series

Biblical Wisdom Literature



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Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Song of Songs,
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The sages of the biblical wisdom tradition offer time-honored advice about some of life's most difficult questions. What is the reward of virtue? What is the best way to raise one's children? How can we best deal with the uncertainty of life?

This study has 36 sessions and the DVD presentations are by Dr. Craig R. Koester.

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Guide to the sessions

1. Introduction to Biblical Wisdom Literature
2. The Place of Proverbs in the Bible
3. Collections of Proverbs
4. The Poems of the Book of Proverbs
5. The Relation of Proverbs to Covenant
6. **Interlude—Some Wisdom Psalms**
7. Job and the Suffering of the Innocent
8. Job—The First Cycle of Conversations
9. Job—Deepening the Conversation
10. Job—Second and Third Conversation Cycles
11. Job—The Wisdom Poem and the Conclusion
12. Job—Elihu's Defense of God's Honor
13. Job—Reflections on the Book as a Whole
14. **Interlude—Prayer in Times of Suffering**
15. Qoheleth—The Inadequacy of Human Wisdom
16. Qoheleth—Skepticism about Easy Answers
17. Qoheleth—Keeping Faith during Confusion
18. **Interlude—Wisdom Psalms for Uncertainty**
19. Sirach—A Traditional Approach to Wisdom
20. Sirach on the Cultivation of Virtue
21. Sirach's Wisdom Poetry
22. Sirach on Divine Providence within History
23. The Song of Songs—Love as the Answer
24. The Song of Songs—Levels of Meaning
25. **Interlude—Wisdom Psalms on Perseverance**
26. Daniel—Wisdom through Dream Visions
27. Daniel—God's Providential Plan for History
28. The Wisdom of Solomon on Divine Justice
29. The Wisdom of Solomon on Death
30. The Wisdom of Solomon on Prayer
31. The Wisdom of Solomon on Divine Providence
32. **Interlude—A Wisdom Psalm on Torah**
33. Jesus as Wisdom Teacher
34. Jesus and the Wisdom Stories in the Gospels
35. Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount
36. Overview of Biblical Wisdom Literature

Meet the Presenter of the DVD material



“A member of the Society of Jesus, Father Joseph Koterski is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University, where he specializes in the history of medieval philosophy and natural law ethics. Before taking his position at Fordham University, Father Koterski taught at the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He earned his doctorate in Philosophy from St. Louis University, after receiving an H.A.B. in Classics from Xavier University.

As a priest ordained in 1992, Father Koterski brings an added dimension of insight to his study of theology and biblical texts. He earned his Master of Divinity and License of Sacred Theology from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

At Fordham, he has been recognized for his teaching skills and was awarded the Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching and the Graduate Teacher of the Year Award. He serves as the editor-in-chief of the *International Philosophical Quarterly* and is coeditor of the Fordham University Press Series in Moral Philosophy and Moral Theology.” ***Note1**

***Note1** - Excerpts from the study guide to
“Biblical Wisdom Literature” –
TheGreatCourses.com

The Scope of this 36 session study:

We begin with the story of Job, in which a righteous man struggles to understand why he suffers loss, illness, and despair. Fr. Koterski uses this story to probe one of the most compelling themes of the biblical wisdom tradition: What is the cause of suffering? Should we interpret suffering as a punishment for wrongdoing? Or is it sometimes a test, designed to shape our character?

The book of Job contends with some of the most enduring questions of theology and philosophy, but through this course, you also explore many other crucial themes:

In the **book of Proverbs**, ponder the value and nature of wisdom itself and encounter sayings and tales that offer a moral exhortation to live according to God's covenant.

In the **book of Qoheleth**, you find a pithy, sometimes skeptical meditation on the ultimate meaning of this life, qualified by a faith in divine providence.

In the **book of Sirach**, you encounter wisdom teachings similar to those found in Proverbs - with advice on friendship, fidelity to God's law, and the nature of sin - as well as a perspective on God's role in history.

With the **Song of Songs**, you watch as the meaning of love unfolds on many levels - literal, spiritual, and allegorical - in a sublime piece of poetry.

In the **book of Daniel**, you encounter a new avenue to wisdom - prophetic insights revealed through the divine revelation of dreams.

In the **Wisdom of Solomon**, you contemplate the place of wisdom both in the highest courts of the land and in daily life.

In the final unit, you return to the theme of suffering in the figure of Jesus Christ, who through his teachings, death, and resurrection permits us to reconsider Job's meditation on suffering from a distinctly Christian perspective—one in which Jesus's ordeal appears as a means of redemption through sacrifice. ***Note1**