

Through the Bible IV - Poetry

Description:

We believe that a working knowledge of the Bible is an essential part of preparation for leadership, and indeed, for all of life. Our Through the Bible series was designed to give each student that foundation. As you complete this series, you will read through the entire Bible at a rate of about three chapters a day, creating a title for each chapter and answering discussion questions that help you follow important themes through Scripture.

During this course you will study the poetry books of the Old Testament, specifically Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

Course Objectives

Academic:

The graphs and questions for each book which are in your text contain all of the academic information you will be expected to learn. If you study them carefully, you will be able to give the following information on each book:

- The author(s)
- The theme/content
- Date written
- Key words or expressions
- Key events
- Key characters
- You will be able to quote eleven verses of your choice from this section of Scripture.
- You will be able to quote Psalm 23.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, including the following:

- An increased desire to worship and praise God in every situation as you see David's life of worship.
- A longing to grow closer to the Lover of your soul as you watch David's love relationship with his Lord and see the picture of God's love for you through Song of Solomon.
- A desire to acquire the "wisdom that is from above" and live by its dictates.

Behavioral:

If you allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Scriptures you will be studying, you will be changed.

- A spirit of worship will arise within you, releasing a new song within your heart and from your mouth.
- You will respond to the call of "deep calling to deep" and spend more time simply sharing love with your Lord.
- Your life will be marked by decisions and actions that reflect godly wisdom.
- As you hide God's Word in your heart through memorization, you will be changed more and more into His likeness, from glory to glory!

Texts:

Through the Bible by Mark and Patti Virkler

Wilmington's Bible Handbook

Through the Bible V -Major Prophets audio CDs by Rev. Paul Schenck

Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must regularly attend class sessions. Extension students must listen to *Through the Bible V -Major Prophets* CDs.
2. Read all of the assigned chapters of the Bible and fill in chapter titles in the text. These titles are to come out of your heart, not simply copied from your Bible. Ask God to show you the essence of the chapter and record it as a chapter title. This will be a great help in keeping you focused on the text and tuned to the Holy Spirit to grant you a “spirit of revelation.”
3. Answer the discussion questions in the text. These answers are to reflect your prayerful meditation on the questions and the Bible text. These will be submitted to your instructor for grading at the end of the course.
4. Read the entries in *Wilmington's* which correspond to the assigned Bible reading.
5. Earn a passing grade on all tests. The graphs and discussion questions will form the basis of the test questions. These are not open-book tests.
6. Memorize one verse per week which especially speaks to you from the reading. These memory verses will also be part of the exams.
7. Submit a paper discussing how your life has been affected as a result of your encounter with God through His Word in this course. What changes has He brought in your attitudes and behavior? What new truths did you learn? How will you be different as a result of this study of God’s Word? This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written pages and is due in the tenth lesson.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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Course Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

If this is the first course you have taken from the Through the Bible series, you must complete the introductory material at the beginning of the text before continuing with the course. This information will make your experience in this course much more beneficial.

Listen to CD one session #1 - "Introduction to Poetry" and #2 - "The Book of Truth," taking notes as you listen. You will want to have a Bible handy as you listen to these lectures, as Rev. Schenck will often refer to specific verses and passages.

[NOTE: The session titles and numbers given by the announcer at the beginning of the tapes may be different than those written on the labels of the tapes. Your assignment schedule is given according to the tape *labels*. Please disregard the announcer's information.]

Read Job 1 - 21 and fill in chapter titles. Answer discussion questions 1, 2, and 5. Read the corresponding entries in **Wilmington's Bible Handbook** or a similar resource of your choice.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Listen to CD two session #3 - "Words of Wisdom" and #4 - "The Book of Job," taking notes as you listen.

Read Job 22 - 42 and fill in chapter titles. Answer discussion questions 3, 4, and 5. Read the corresponding entries in your Bible handbook.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

Lesson 3

Assignment to be completed:

Listen to CD three session #5 - "The Book of Psalms," taking notes while you listen.

Read Psalms 1 - 30. Answer discussion questions 2 - 8. Read the corresponding entries in your Bible handbook.

Memorize Psalm 23.

Lesson 4

Assignment to be completed:

Read Psalms 31 - 60. Answer discussion questions 1 - 8. Read the corresponding entries in your Bible handbook.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

Lesson 5

Assignment to be completed:

Read Psalms 61 - 90. Answer discussion questions 2 - 8. Read the corresponding entries in your Bible handbook.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

Prepare for, then complete Test One. (NOTE: This is NOT an open-book test.) Submit this test to your instructor.

Lesson 6

Assignment to be completed:

Read Psalms 91 - 120. Answer discussion questions 2 - 8. Read the corresponding entries in your Bible handbook.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.