

Getting Inside Your Bible #3

THIS TIME, WITH FEELING!

The Fickleness of God's Family

- ⦿ Welcome to “Inside Your Bible” Session 3
- ⦿ All presentations are available at www.kelleycentral.com
- ⦿ This session presented by Dr. Mark Kelley on May 14, 2014

An Overview of the Hebrew Scriptures

- Torah – The Formation of God's People
- History – The Fickleness of God's People
- Poetry – The Feelings of God's People
- Prophecy – The Future of God's People

Verse – Psalm 19

⁷ The law of the LORD is _____, _____ the soul; the testimony of the _____ is sure, making _____ the _____; ¹⁰ More to be _____ are they than gold, even much fine gold; _____ also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your _____ warned; in keeping them there is great _____.

Recapping the Story

- Torah – God creates a family commissioned with sharing his story with the world
- History – God's people fail by flailing against each other
- (Notice the wrong use of energy?)

Why Poetry is So Different

- In the first two sections, we see God's people from the outside
- In this section, we see the heart of God's people – from the inside

Poetical Books

- ⦿ Job
- ⦿ Psalms
- ⦿ Proverbs
- ⦿ Ecclesiastes
- ⦿ Song of Songs

Poetical Books

- ⦿ Job, Psalms and Proverbs are also wisdom literature
- ⦿ The Prophets (Major and the Twelve) are mostly poetical

What Makes Them Poetry?

- ⦿ They appeal to the emotions
- ⦿ They use symbolism
- ⦿ The structure of the sentences

A Good Quote

- “Other scripture is information from God to us; Psalms is expression from us to God.” John W. Lawrence

Essence of Hebrew Poetry

- ⦿ English poetry repeats sounds.
 - Jack & Jill / Went up the hill.
- ⦿ Hebrew poetry repeats thoughts. Psalm 19:1
 - The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

This is Called Parallelism

- The **heavens** declare the **glory of God**;
the **skies** proclaim the **work of his hands**
- These lines are not talking about two things, but reinforcing one thing

Types of Parallelism

- ⦿ Synonymous – lines say the same thing
- ⦿ Antithetical – lines oppose each other
 - When **pride** comes, then comes **disgrace**,
but with **humility** comes **wisdom**.

(Proverbs 11:2, NIV)

Types of Parallelism

- ① 1. Synonymous 2. Antithetical
- ③ 3. Syncretistic – line 2 builds on line 1
 - He is the God who avenges me,
who subdues nations under me.
(Psalm 18:47, NIV)

SYMBOLISM

- ◎ Mt Zion as a symbol for Jerusalem
 - He is the God who avenges me,
who subdues nations under me.
 - Psalm 2:6
- ◎ God compared to a rock
 - They remembered that God was their **Rock**,
that God Most High was their Redeemer.
 - Psalm 78:35

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- Psalm 3:7-8

- Psalm 6:1-6

Poetry Lessons

- God's people get emotional!
- God can handle our emotions
- Life is better when we share our emotions with God.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

(Psalm 19:1-4)

⦿ In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⦿ ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

(Psalm 19:4b-7)