

FEATS Module 5: Wisdom Literature
Homework to be Completed
Prior to Learning Session #1

Introduction to FEATS – Wisdom Literature

- Goal for this module
 - We're taking this time in order to grow closer to God by reading out of his book, in this case Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Psalms.
- A few comments about the book of Proverbs
 - There are at least two ways to gain understanding: 1) making the mistakes yourself, and 2) listening to those who have either made those mistakes or have observed others making those mistakes.
 - The book of Proverbs offers the opportunity to learn in the second way (read Proverbs 1:8-9).
 - While many proverbs are spoken as if from one with experience, there is also the feeling that other wise people who hear this will naturally agree. Hence many proverbs seem to imply a specific question after each proverb, which is "...right?"
 - Proverbs 6:10-11
 - Proverbs 9:7, 8, 9, 10
 - Not a promise, but a proverb
 - Proverbs 22:6, Right? (not a promise)
 - Proverbs 26:4-5, Right? (not a contradiction)

Enjoy your visit in the world of Proverbs this month! There are some discussion questions to help aid in your preparation for the first learning session.

We suggest that you take four weeks to prepare for the learning session

Reading and Preparation:

Weeks one and two:

- For the first two weeks of this study, read through the entire book of Proverbs as many times as you can, jotting down what strikes you to be interesting, or any questions you may have for the group to discuss. Don't dwell too long on one particular chapter, but try to cover the entire

book. Our goal is to become familiar with and listen to the book of Proverbs, not just find one or two proverbs that we like.

Week three and four:

1. Get four sheets of paper and at the top of each write the following headings:

ATTITUDES TO WEALTH

HUSBANDS AND WIVES

GOD'S PLANS AND OUR PLANS

THE INNER AND THE OUTER PERSON

Then find proverbs that fit these categories and write them on the appropriate page (remember to include the chapter/verse references!)

2. Write down observations and questions specifically on Proverbs 8.