



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Job and Psalms

Student: _____ **Instructor/Proctor:** _____

Videos and Pictorial Bible PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Course Description: An extensive survey of the magnificent book of Job, including its six-fold theme, and a large, practical overview of the Psalms. We cover the splendor of the Psalms, the interpretation, the major themes, the great questions, the large prophetic element, the Psalms as a biography of David, the Psalms of Degrees, the Imprecatory Psalms, and many other things.

Texts Required:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Job and Psalms by David W. Cloud

Additional Material (Suggested):

Pictorial Bible (PowerPoints/Keynotes) *see link above*

Video Set (24 Videos) *see link above*

Outcomes - At the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. state the six-fold themes of Job
2. give a practical overview of Psalms
3. give a summary of the major themes of Psalms

General Course Procedure:

Review Questions are "open Book"

Tests are to be taken "closed Book"

Reading assignments - As the student reads the material in the book, the corresponding review questions are to be answered. Key verses appearing on review questions should be memorized.

Additional Resources (video, presentations, maps, etc.) should be studied.

Review for test - The student should study the material until the Review Questions can be answered without having to look up the answer.

Tests - The student will take three tests during the course. The questions will be short answer and will be based on the review questions.

Evaluation:

The grade will be the average score of three tests.

100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; below 70 = D (failing)

The Necessity of a Supervisor (Proctor) - If the student is taking the course by himself and not as part of a class, it is imperative that he or she find someone to supervise the studies. The supervisor can be a relative, pastor, teacher, or friend. The individual must be capable, dependable, and committed to the task of supervising the student's progress through the course. This entails (1) making sure that the student completes the studies in a timely fashion, (2) checking the assignments, and (3) overseeing the testing.

Schedule: This course may be taken at a pace which is decided by the student. If the student has a Supervisor (proctor) all timeframes and requirements should be fully agreed upon before the student begins the course.

To encourage a steady progress to finish the course, it is suggested that at the end of each week the student should complete a self-report. This report should reflect the work that was accomplished. A determination should be made as to if the student is on schedule.

Course outline: A suggested course outline is provided on the last page of this syllabus.

Student Assignments (optional): These optional additional projects are carefully designed to help the student get the most benefit from the course. It is essential that the student do these projects. If you can't do all of these projects during the course on Job and Psalms, we would urge you to aim to do them later. Projects like this helps to keep the student move forward as an effectual Bible student.

- Write the major lessons of Job 1-2
- Read Psalms 1-37, 51, 103, 124-150.
- Study Psalms 1, 11, 19, 22, 23, 37, 51, and 72 by answering the following questions: (1) What was the situation in which David wrote the psalm? (2) What is the main theme or themes of the psalm? (3) What is the outline of the psalm? (4) What are the main lessons for my Christian life and ministry?
- Find 25 comforting characteristics of God in the Psalms (e.g., "the Lord is my shepherd").
- Do a study of Psalm 119 in the following manner: (1) Find every name for God's Word. (2) Find every lesson on God's Word. (3) Find every lesson on the saint's suffering.
- Find as many lessons as possible about God in Psalm 26.

Review Questions: The review questions are designed to draw the student's attention to the most important points of the lessons and to help him remember these after the course is finished. They are also designed to prepare the student for the tests. The student should first go through the review questions and try to answer them without the textbook. Afterward, he should go back and find the answers using the textbook. Finally, he should check his answers against the review question answer sheet.

Videos : If you did not purchase the videos you should consider doing so at this time. They are online so you can begin to watch them immediately after purchase. (You receive a passcode via download document.) You should also download each video so you have a copy of your own.

- 01 Job & Psalms Introduction
- 02 Book of Job Introduction
- 03 A Skillful Bible Student; The Man, Job
- 04 Job's Trials
- 05 Job's Wisdom
- 06 Building Strong NT Churches; Job's Friends
- 07 Job's Friends, Part 2
- 08 Five characteristics; God's Speech
- 09 God's Speech, Part 2, Job Conclusion
- 10 Simple Lessons; The Book of Psalms Outline
- 11 Psalms, Major Themes
- 12 Church Attributes; Major Themes: God
- 13 Church Attributes; Major Themes: God, Part 2
- 14 Church Attributes; Major Themes: God, Part 3
- 15 Major Themes: Christ
- 16 Church Obedience; Major Themes: Christ, Part 2
- 17 Major Themes: Christ, Part 3
- 18 A N.T. Church?, Major Themes: The Word of God
- 19 Major Themes: The Word of God, Part 2
- 20 Living Stones, Afflictions of the Saints
- 21 Interpretation of the Psalms
- 22 Interpretation of the Psalms, Part 2
- 23 Interpretation of the Psalms, Part 3
- 24 Conclusion

Study Plan: You may study and complete the course at your own pace. The important thing is to set a daily schedule and stick to it. God requires first place ("But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," Mt. 6:33). And since He has magnified His Word above His very name (Ps. 138:2), it is evident that He intends that we should make the study of His Word the very highest priority. Tips: 1.) Make Bible study a high priority, 2.) Establish a time, 3.) Establish a place, 4.) Have your study tools at hand, 5.) Set a schedule and stick to it.

We offer a course plan on the next page simply as reference. It has 33 "days" or "sessions." If you complete a session a day it will take 33 days to complete the course. If you complete sessions in two days it will take 66 days to complete the course. Make the plan your own. Perhaps you prefer to build in a "day off" or an extra study day to review before a test. Make a plan that works for you and be faithful to it. A
Study Plan - *next page*

Job & Psalms - 33 Day Course Plan (suggestion)

Session	start page	end page	Stop/Start Reading	Review Questions	VIDEO
1	3	6	Contents	--	1, 2
2	6	11	No shortcut	--	3,4
3	11	16	Intro to Bible Geography	1 to 15	5
4	16	22	Job's Trials	16 to 23	6
5	22	28	Bildad the Shuhite	24 to 28	7
6	28	34	Job's End	29 to 42	8
7	34	37	Pt. 4 - Job contains...	--	9
8			REVIEW	1 to 42	
9			TEST #1 - JOB		
10	38	42	Psalms	1 to 4	10
11	42	50	Psalms a Song Book	5 to 21	11
12	50	55	Selah in the Psalms	22 to 31	12
13	55	61	God's Mercy	32 to 47	13
14	61	63	God our strength	48 to 52	14
15			REVIEW	1 to 52	
16			TEST #2 - PSALMS pt. 1		
17	63	69	Major Themes, Christ	53 to 58	15
18	69	77	The Messiah resurrected	59	16
19	77	85	Psalms 19	60 to 66	17
20	85	89	Major Themes - Praise	67	18
21	89	97	Major Themes - Blessed	68 - 69	29
22	97	101	Major Themes - Watchcare	--	21
23	101	105	Major Themes - Righteousness	70-78	22
24	105	110	Interpretation of the Psalms	79 to 80	23
25	110	116	We must understand..	81 to 89	24
26	116	122	The Prophetic Element	90 to 94	
27	122	127	#8 The prophecies..	95 to 97	
28	127	130	The sun shall not..	--	
30	130	132	Imprecatory Psalms	98 to 132	
31	132	136	Division of the Psalms	--	
32			REVIEW	53 to 132	
33			TEST #3 - PSALMS pt 2		