

The Lessons of Proverbs
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Course Designation

OT 3P1020 The Lessons of Proverbs
OT 3P1030 The Lessons of Proverbs Hebrew Exegesis
OT 5P1020 The Lessons of Proverbs DPT

Course Specializations

Biblical Studies
Pastoral Studies

Course Schedule

Sept. 9 – Dec. 9
Monday 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
In class and synchronous livestream
Reading Week: Oct. 14 (no class)

Course Description

Proverbs belongs to a classification of writings that have come to be called wisdom. Ancient Israel seems to have had the classifications of the *torah* of the priests, the word of the prophets, and the counsel of the wise (Jer 18:18). Wisdom writings are also known in Egypt and Mesopotamia, some Egyptian wisdom is closely related to Proverbs (e.g. Prov 22:20–23:34). These writings begin in ancient times (before Moses) and continue into the pre-New Testament period. This course will place Proverbs within ancient wisdom and within Hebrew wisdom writings more specifically. It will examine both the intention and function of such writings.

In this course the structure of the book of Proverbs will be developed, the form and purpose of the Hebrew *mašal* (saying) will be studied, along with the various genres included within the collections. Attention will be given to the way these functioned in their original life setting (*Sitz im Leben*). The lessons of Proverbs come to us in their own code with a specific goal; they are “modes of reflection and poetic expression that arise out of the deeply felt ontic tension between order and disorder and that are employed either to reaffirm a tradition or to articulate a counter-order which is based in experiences

not validated by the tradition” (Williams 1981, 89). Participants in this course will come to better understand the genre of *maskil* (skillful writing) and the reasons for considerable differences in translation, especially in particular proverbs. They will learn the technique of making the wisdom of Proverbs relevant to specific situations.

Course Objectives

Knowing

- The student will come to know the development of the book of Proverbs within the context of Ancient Near Eastern Wisdom, its literary structure, the genre, intention and function of proverb.
- The student will understand cultural context and rhetorical effect in using proverbs.
- The student will learn how the book of Proverbs assumes covenant values and applies its theology to life issues.

Being

- The student will be wise in knowing how to live according to covenant values.
- The student will be an example in using proverbs constructively to explain circumstances.
- The student will mature in “the ability to cope” (Alexander W. Kenworthy, 1974).

Doing

- Students will interpret and apply the wisdom of proverbs in daily life.
- Students will “answer” and “not answer” fools according to their folly (Prov. 26:4–5).
- Students will teach others to use proverbs in understanding life situations.
- Students will use proverbs to better understand their own culture.

Course Topics

1. Structure, Content, and Development of the Composition of Proverbs
2. Proverbs in the Wisdom of the Old Testament and its World
3. Proverbs for Instruction (Proverbs 1–9)
4. The Call of Lady Wisdom to Chastity (sexual and spiritual)
5. Wisdom as the Craftsman of Creation (8:1–36)
6. Proverbs of Solomon [*šlmh*: $\text{š}=300+l=30+m=40+h=5$, 375 proverbs] (10:1–22:16)
7. Proverbs on the Wise and the Foolish, Righteous and the Wicked (Antithetic)
8. Proverbs on Speech, Wealth, Family, and Community (Synthetic)
9. Thirty Sayings and Sayings of the Wise (22:17–24:34)
10. Preparing Youth (Prov. 1:1–6) for Lifelong Wisdom (Prov. 22:6)
11. Proverbs Collected under the Supervision of Hezekiah (25:1–29:27)
12. Sayings of Agur (numerical proverbs) and Lemuel (30:1–31:9)
13. Song of Valiant Woman Wisdom (31:10–31)

Course Texts

Wisdom of Proverbs

Tremper Longman III, *The Fear of the Lord is Wisdom: A Theological Introduction to Wisdom in Israel*, Grand Rapids, Baker, 2017.

Commentary on Proverbs

Commentaries are diverse as are the needs of students. One of the three following commentaries is required for this course.

Lindsay Wilson, *Proverbs: An Introduction and Commentary*, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries, Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2018.

This is an expositional commentary for the more general reader. The commentary does not contain a translation, there is little actual exegesis, but the expositions provide good direction in understanding the meaning and use of proverbs. It has an introductory section on how to preach and teach proverbs.

Tremper Longman, *Proverbs*, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms, Grand Rapids, Baker Academic, 2006.

This is an exegetical commentary which includes a translation of each verse of Proverbs and an exegetical explanation of the translation. It gives consideration to the needs of exposition and the application of Proverbs, highly recommended for Biblical studies students and pastors. Knowledge of Hebrew and Greek is not necessary.

Michael V. Fox, *Proverbs 1–9: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*, Anchor Yale Bible 18A, New Haven, The University Press, 2000; *Proverbs 10–31*, Anchor Yale Bible 18B, New Haven, Yale University Press, 2009.

This commentary is without equal in its introduction to wisdom and the genre of proverb more specifically, its translation and exegesis, and its detailed information on textual variations especially in the Greek version. It is detailed, extensive, and explores the interpretive traditions of every proverb, with very insightful contributions of the author. It is expensive, but the Hebrew student and the advanced student will benefit from it in understanding both proverb and the book of Proverbs. Fox does little by way of exposition, but the choices of exposition are perfectly clear from the detail of the exegetical clarifications. The translations are often quite striking in comparison with others depending on Fox's interpretation of the proverb concerned.

Course Assignments and Grading*OT 3P1020 The Lessons of Proverbs*

1. Proverbs in the World of Wisdom (30%)

Proverbs may appear spontaneously, as when David counters Saul with “Wickedness proceeds from the wicked” (1 Sam 24:14b). But proverbs are part of a broad category of writing known as wisdom. Proverbs appear frequently in other wisdom writings such as Job: “An empty head can be taught as a wild donkey man may be reborn” (11:12). Using the introduction by Longman, explain what we know of the teaching and function of wisdom in ancient Israel. Identify and compare wisdom writings found in the Old Testament. Show how wisdom transforms after the Old Testament, particularly in Sirach, and on into the New Testament. The textbooks will be a primary resource for this paper, but other resources of the student's choice should be included. This is not a research paper, but it must have a reasonable amount of bibliography (minimum of 10 items). This paper should be about 2000 words and is due Sept. 30.

2. Intention and Function of Proverbs (35%)

This is a research paper that will provide an understanding of the book of Proverbs and its contribution to Biblical theology. **Biblical studies** may focus on more technical matters related to genre and poetry, such as instructional literature and proverbial forms or various collections of proverbs such as the thirty sayings and their relationship to the Egyptian writing of Amenemope. Alternatively, the focus may be the theology of proverbs or particular topics. **Pastoral studies** should be expository, showing how proverbs apply biblical theology to daily life. The research will require exegesis and explanation of the section in Proverbs chosen or the proverbs selected around a theme or topic. The proverbs selected in relation to the topic must be limited enough in number so detail of interpretation and application can be provided. This includes options such as a study of a theology of creation in proverbs or a study of the use of Proverbs 8 in the debates on the nature and person of Jesus Christ in the pre-Nicene period. This paper should be about 2500 words and should contain a bibliographic minimum of fifteen entries. Due Oct. 31.

3. Proverbs and Ethics (20%)

Proverbs have a continuous emphasis on character, what may be termed virtue ethics. A post-modern society has been reduced to what may be termed emotivism, the doctrine that moral judgments are nothing but expressions of preference. Evaluate the state of ethics in a post-modern society and show how proverbs may serve as a resource to those not willing to reduce ethics to a philosophy of emotivism. This paper should be about 1500 words and is due Nov. 11.

4. The Valiant Woman (15%)

The closing poem of Proverbs 31:10–31 is significant to the form and impact of the book. Do a study of the import and significance of this poem in concluding the book of Proverbs. The work of Al Wolters, *The Song of the Valiant Woman* (Paternoster, 2007) is a valuable starting point to analyzing this poem. This paper should be about 1000 words and is due Nov. 25.

OT P31030 The Lessons of Proverbs Hebrew Exegesis

Hebrew exegesis students will translate the assignments listed below for review with the instructor. The translations must include textual notes where there is significant evidence of a variant, lexical discussion of terms requiring interpretation (Proverbs has many of these), and grammatical explanations as necessary which defend the translation provided. The following are the required passages and their due dates:

Sept. 16 – Prov 1:1-19

Sept. 23 – Prov 1:20-33

Sept. 30 – Prov 2:1-22 (In this chapter the grammar provides an outline of thought progression.)

Oct. 7 – Prov 3:1-17

Oct. 21 – Prov 6:1-19

Oct. 28 – Prov 8:22-36

Nov. 4 – Prov 9:1-18

Nov. 11 – Prov 10:1-16

Nov. 18 – Prov 22:20-23:5

Dec. 2 – Prov 30:18-33

Dec. 9 – Prov 31:10-31

Each translation assignment will be 9% of the total course grade (1% is pure gift).

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Students taking this course for Advanced Elective credit will be provided with a syllabus supplement outlining additional requirements they must meet to receive credit toward their degree. Advanced Elective students can expect their course requirements to include doctoral levels of reading and research-supported writing as well as a presentation of their research in a format appropriate to the class. For any questions about what to expect for Advanced Elective requirements for this particular course, contact the course instructor.

Note: The Syllabus Supplement will be made available no sooner than ten days after enrollment in the course. Advanced Elective Students are encouraged to register for this course as early as possible to ensure they know their course requirements well in advance of the course start date.

Policy Statements for MDC*Academic Honesty*

Academic dishonesty is not qualitatively different from other types of dishonesty. It consists of misrepresenting the ownership of written work by deception or by other fraudulent means. In an academic setting this may include any number of forms such as: copying or using unauthorized aids in tests, examinations; plagiarism, i.e., submitting work that is not one's own (regardless of the means of its production, including AI) but passing it off as if it is; submitting work for credit in a course for which credit is being or has already been given, unless the previously submitted work was presented as such to the instructor of the second course and has been deemed acceptable for credit by the instructor of that course; aiding and abetting another student's dishonesty; giving false information for the purposes of gaining admission or credit; giving false information for the purposes of obtaining deferred examinations or extension of deadlines; forging or falsifying McMaster University or McMaster Divinity College documents.

A special note about AI: You are expected to do your own thinking and to write your own papers, etc., and not to have AI do this work for you. There may be value in using an AI tool to help you locate and collate resources or to help you "tidy up" your English grammar, usage, and mechanics, especially if English is not your native language. However, using AI to create content for you and then submitting that content as if you created it is considered plagiarism (i.e., submitting work that is not one's own as if it is one's own) and is a violation of the academic honesty policy.

AODA

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the content of this course is intended to be accessible to all students who are enrolled in the course, including those with disabilities. If a student requires accommodation to participate fully in this course, that student is to contact SAS at McMaster University, who will then work directly with the McMaster Divinity College Registrar to negotiate reasonably appropriate accommodation for the student. The MDC Registrar will communicate with faculty regarding necessary accommodations. Please note that an accommodation is not retroactive and must be requested in advance to allow sufficient time for implementation.

Gender Inclusive Language

McMaster Divinity College uses inclusive language for human beings in worship services, student written materials, and all its publications. It is expected that inclusive language will be used in chapel services and all MDC assignments. In reference to biblical texts, the integrity of the original expressions and the

names of God should be respected, but you will need to use gender-inclusive language for humans, and you will need to quote from a gender-inclusive version such as, for example, the following: NRSV (2022), TEV/GNB/GNT (1976), CEV (1995), NLT (1996), NIV (2011), and the CEB (2011).

Bookstore

All required and recommended books for this class are available from the Hurlburt Family Bookstore located beside the entrance to the Nathaniel H. Parker Memorial Chapel of McMaster Divinity College. To purchase in advance, you may contact the bookstore manager, Bernice Quek, by phone at 416.620.2934 or 416.668.3434 (mobile); or by email at books@readon.ca. The Hurlburt Family Bookstore also carries other books and merchandise and is open throughout the academic year during posted hours.

Online Etiquette

It is critical in any MDC class that students show respect for classmates and the instructor. This is even truer in the online environment because many of the non-verbal cues that we use to interpret what a person is communicating to us are not present online (except, perhaps in video posts). Therefore, it is especially critical that we be mindful of how our words will be interpreted by those who are reading them. As the instructor of the course, it is my responsibility to monitor communications to ensure that all students feel comfortable expressing their views in a respectful manner. Most if not all courses at MDC are devoted to the interpretation of Scripture. Invariably there will be disagreements; these disagreements must be discussed and negotiated in a respectful manner. This applies to individual and group communications involving the instructor and the others enrolled in the course. The instructor will expect that you will give some thought to your postings. Excessive postings are also frowned upon because these amount to dominating the discussion. Please limit your postings to less than 200 words. Instructors reserve the right to ask students to take a step back to allow others discussion time if she or he feels that an individual is dominating the discussion. In your responses, please try to be clear which point your response refers to. Students who violate these guidelines may be dismissed from class.

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