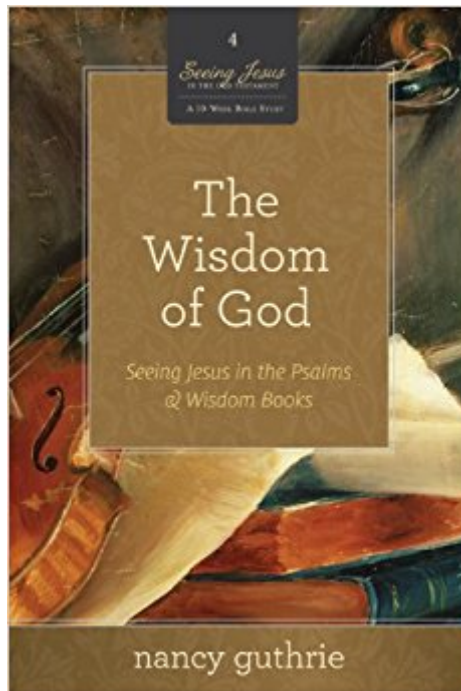


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The Wisdom Of God (A 10-week Bible Study): Seeing Jesus In The Psalms And Wisdom Books



Synopsis

Wouldn't you love to be wise and know the God who is Wisdom himself? This 10-week study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon mines the Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also for the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song. Jesus. Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie provides clear commentary and contemporary application of biblical truths found in the Wisdom Books regarding: how God guides us how we can make sense of our suffering and our dissatisfaction in life how to deal with our uneven emotions, our need for security, and our longing to be loved. Gain a fresh perspective on the Wisdom Literature, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more, when you join with Guthrie on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament! * A leader's guide is available as a free download at SeeingJesusInTheOldTestament.com and a supplemental DVD of Nancy's teaching is also available for purchase.

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One of the most exciting things about living in the times in which we are living is the anticipation of the return of Christ and the ushering in of His kingdom. Along with this prophetic reality is the intensification of our study of God's Word to look for Christ from Genesis to Revelation. According to the author this study is "uniquely designed to help you look into the wonder of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (covering 10 weeks of studies in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon) and see how it prepares us for and points us toward Christ. This book will help

you:(1) Learn how to study the Bible inductively (each chapter contains questions for personal Bible study);(2) Understand the Bible and how the different books of the Bible fit together as a whole (each lesson contains a teaching chapter on the core truths of the Biblical Book being studied);(3) Interact with the central truths of each Wisdom Literature Book and how they relate to the whole Bible (each chapter has a discussion starter and a dozen or so questions of exposition based on the passage of study);(4) Apply the relevant applications from each passage in your life (each chapter has one or more questions to put the passage into action in one's life);(5) Love and worship Jesus Christ (each lesson is loaded with cross references, charts, discussion, and a "Looking Forward" section highlighting Jesus as the central figure, hero, and theme of each passage of study and of the entire Scriptures).I don't know of a small group study guide out there today that has more depth, more of Jesus, is more fun to study and discuss than this new study by Nancy Guthrie. It is simply outstanding in its depth of Biblical exposition, helpful in its applications, and highlights the fact that Jesus is what the Bible and life is all about. It's about time that someone has put together a series of books designed for serious lay people about, by, and for Christ at the center of all of the Scriptures. If you are looking for a phenomenal Bible study that is theologically deep, practically relevant, and will help you to worship and love Jesus more than ever then this is the Bible study for you!Note: I was provided with a free copy of this book from the publisher for review and was not required to write a positive review.

I often wonder what it would have been like to be on Emmaus Road with Jesus after his resurrection. While two men were walking and talking together, Jesus just showed up. He began to talk to them, and Luke eventually ended up saying, "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Jesus is exegeting the Old Testament, and the interpretive key is Himself. What did He say to them? Where can we find Jesus in the Old Testament? These are questions that I ask myself. Thankfully, these are questions that Nancy Guthrie has not only asked but also spent time studying. The fruit of this study is her Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament Bible Studies. The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books is her second book in the series. In this edition, Guthrie takes the readers through the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.How the book is formattedThe book itself is intended to be a 10 week Bible study that can be used in personal or group settings. Each week, Guthrie invites the reader into a time of personal Bible study, a teaching chapter, a looking forward segment and finally a discussion guide. I enjoyed this format. In the personal Bible study section, Guthrie usually introduced the reader to the genre of the book along

with some key themes and passages. This section is very interactive and really sets up the remaining sections to come. In the teaching section, Guthrie provides insight in a practical and Christ-centered way. I can remember numerous times reading the teaching on Job, Psalms, or Proverbs and asking myself how I never saw that before. At the end of the teaching section is the looking forward section. In this section, Guthrie leads the reader in a short reflection showing how the ideas in that chapter point forward to Christ. Lastly, the discussion guide helps further examine the teaching as well as apply it. There is also a "Getting How It Fits into the Big Picture" question. I really enjoyed thinking through this question. It encourages the reader to think through how the teaching in Proverbs fits in with the larger redemptive story line of Scripture. The format of this study is great. A couple of things I really enjoyed I deeply enjoyed the aim of this book. Nancy Writes, "Over the coming weeks, as we make our way through the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament, we'll not only find wise principles for living life in this world as one who belongs to God but we'll also see the wise person these books point to, the wisest person who ever lived, hidden in its drama and poetry and proverb and song" (pg. 24). Seriously, that statement alone gets me excited to dive into the Wisdom of literature. It is easy for me to look for wise principles while reading the Wisdom literature without ever slowing down to look for the wisdom of God, namely Jesus. I can imagine that this task was no easy one. Thus, I love that Guthrie undertook and, in my opinion, fulfilled this approach and aim. The teaching in the book is great. It is relevant, practical and Christ-centered. Not only is Christ displayed in each book, but also the heart of the book itself is not neglected. What I mean is, the main theme of Ecclesiastes is not dismissed so that she can show you Jesus. No, Guthrie takes you to the heart of Ecclesiastes and shows you how Jesus is the one who brings it all together or makes sense of it all. I was thankful to not only learn more about Jesus, but to learn more about the themes and literature of the wisdom books. Bible studies can be extremely difficult to craft in a way were they remain both theologically faithful and applicable to life. There is a tendency to over emphasize one or the other. Yet, Nancy was able combine a practical and relevant approach while remaining Christo-centric. Perhaps the greatest compliment that I can give to this book is the passion that it stirred up in me for the Old Testament. I know that the Old Testament is able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:15). However, it seems so difficult to see this sometimes. Thus, I am thankful for the passion ignited by this book to search the Old Testament in a relevant, applicable, and Christ-centered way. Nancy Guthrie's passion has certainly helped fuel my passion for the Old Testament and the Wisdom Literature. Overall, I would highly recommend this book to anyone seeking to learn more about Christ from the Old Testament. Whether you are male or female, in a group or alone, you will profit from reading this book. You will

not only find "wise principles", you will also see "the wise person." This book/Bible study is excellent. I received this book free from Crossway Publishers. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

This is the 4th Nancy Guthrie book I've read. Actually, I am not just "reading" this book. It is the basis for my daily Bible Study. I was part of a group using her other books and liked them so much, I decided to use this one for my personal Bible study. I am overwhelmed by the work Nancy put into this book through research, study, inspiration and guidance by the Holy Spirit. Since God is revealed in scripture, I am meeting God in a deeper way each day as I go through the study. Thank you Nancy!

I was recently introduced to one of Nancy Guthrie's books: The Word of The Lord; Seeing Jesus through the prophets. And I LOVED it so much that I decided to get the whole collection. So the next one I got was The Wisdom of God. Excellent book! Good, solid theology but also very practical and with very good insights. Great for Bible Studies but also great as a devotional. It has quite a few questions previous to each chapter and a lot more after but that's great to keep you really searching the Scriptures.

This DVD series will challenge you and inspire you to walk wisely in God's ways because it is the only road to find joy and contentment in life. It will possibly shake up some of your notions about what is wise and unwise and that there is no middle ground.

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