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5-3-1 Assignment (5)

5 Questions:

- 1) How can you tell the difference between a “Prose” and a “Poem”?
- 2) What are the most frequently observed figures of speech?
- 3) What a figure of comparison?
- 4) Figures of speech are not as precise in their meaning as prose are. **True or False?**
- 5) What is “Wisdom Literature”? Name at least three (3).

5 Answers:

- 1) A Prose is written or organized in paragraphs, while a Poem is written in strophes or stanzas.
- 2) Figures of comparison; Addition or fullness of expression; Relation and association, Contrast, and Omission
- 3) Similes, Metaphors, Parables and Allegories.
- 4) True.
- 5) Books of the Bible, in which the writers are concern that we order our lives according to God’s own order in the world. E.g., Proverbs; Ecclesiastes and Job.

Terms:

1. Parallelism: The correspondence of one verse or line with another
2. Antithetic: A line or statement that contrasts or negate the thought or meaning of the first line.
3. Hendiadys: Using two words when only one thing is being referred to

Summary:

In studying and exegeting the Bible, understanding what one is reading is necessary for the proper application of the information you receive from it. In Chapter nine of Kaiser and Silva, authors break down and dissects the literary meanings of the poems that you will read from books of the Bible like the book of Psalms, or wisdom books like Ecclesiastes. Knowing the different styles, figures of speech and devices is important to application of knowledge.