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5-3-1 Chapter 1 and 2 on Fee & Stuart

Questions

1. Hebrew poetry, by its very nature was addressed to the _____.
2. What are the 7 types of psalms?
3. What are some reasons why psalms are appealing to us?
4. What are the common misuse of wisdom literature?
5. Wisdom literature, then, tends to focus on _____ and their _____ – how successful they are at _____ and whether or not they are learning how to _____ to the experiences they have.

Answers

1. Hebrew poetry, by its very nature was addressed to the mind through the heart.
2. The seven types of psalms are laments, thanksgiving, hymns of praise, salvation-history, celebration and affirmation, wisdom and songs of trust.
3. They are appealing to us because it touches us in many ways, no matter whether we are happy, sad, defeated, angry or other emotions.
4. They read bit and pieces and don't see the overall message, they might misunderstand terms and categories, styles and literary mode, and people often fail to follow the line of argument.
5. Wisdom literature, then, tends to focus on people and their behavior – how successful they are at making godly choices and whether or not they are learning how to apply God's truth to the experiences they have.

Terms

1. Meshallim: Hebrew for proverb
2. Hebel: vanity, meaningless, or futility
3. Qohelet: Teacher, assembler

The chapter on Psalm and wisdom are interesting. It is about how we relate ourselves to God with all types of emotions whether personal or in worship. It shows us a rich array of connection to God. Wisdom is how we make godly choices and using God's truth in our daily life. We have to be careful not to misuse and not to mix it with worldly wisdom.