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### 5-3-1 Assignment (6)

#### 5 Questions:

- 1) What is the most important thing one should remember when reading or interpreting Psalms?
- 2) Why did the writer say it was dangerous to read a Psalm as though it taught a system of doctrines?
- 3) How many types of Psalms did the authors mention? Name three types.
- 4) What is "Wisdom"?
- 5) What are the 3 ways that the Wisdom books are misused?

#### 5 Answers:

- 1) Psalms are musical poems.
- 2) Even though Psalms contains and reflects doctrine, they are not intended to be repositories for doctrinal exposition.
- 3) The author mentioned 7 types of Psalms. Laments; Thanksgiving Psalms and Hymns of Praise.
- 4) The ability to make Godly choices in life.
- 5) Three ways that the Wisdom books are misused are: 1) People read them in bits and pieces and fail to see their overall message. 2) People misunderstand the terms & categories of Hebrew wisdom and the styles and literary modes. 3) People often fail to understand what the books is all about, and thus also fail to follow the line of argument.

#### Terms:

1. Hyperbole: Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.
2. Imprecatory: Psalms that contain verbalization to God of anger at others.
3. Aphorisms: A pithy observation that contains a general truth.

#### Summary:

In chapters eleven and twelve of the book, "*How to Read the Bible for All it's worth*" by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, the authors started out by shedding light on the misunderstanding and misuse of the Psalms. They pointed out that this is mostly due to the difficult poetic feature of rhyme and repetitive meter, which takes different forms in Hebrew poetry. They then take their readers through the difference between Wisdom then and now. They indicated that, it is those differences that causes people misunderstand and thereby misapply the information, missing and losing the benefits that God intended for them.