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## QUESTIONS

1. How do people “over exegete” psalms?
2. What distinguishes the various types of psalms from each other?
3. How were the royal psalms composed?
4. Biblically speaking, what is wisdom?
5. According to Proverbs, what characterizes the life of folly?

## ANSWERS

1. People over exegete psalms by finding special meanings in specific words or phrases where the poet will have intended none.
2. The thing that distinguishes the various types of psalms from each other is that each type has its own structural characteristics.
3. The royal psalms were composed to be sung at the celebration of Israel’s kingship as God endowed it, not at weddings.
4. Wisdom is the ability to make godly choices in life.
5. Things that characterize the life of folly are things such as violent crime, laziness, dishonesty and sexual impurity.

## TERMS

Individual laments- either expressing or presuppose deep trust in Yahweh, help a person to express struggles, suffering, or disappointments to the Lord.

Psalms- Functional songs composed for use in worship by the ancient Israelites.

Proverb- a brief, particular expression of a truth. Specially contrived sayings.

## SUMMARY

Chapters eleven and twelve were about the psalm and wisdom books respectively. The psalms were songs that were created to be used in worship by the ancient Israelites. Whereas, for biblical wisdom, the goal is to apply God’s truth to one’s life so that the choices that they make will be godly. Biblical wisdom is not about having a high level of cleverness, but rather, having an orientation to God.