

Week 4—Engaging with God’s Word—Genre

Old Covenant/New Covenant

Matthew 22:37-40 ³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”^[e] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[f] ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

John 13:34 ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Deuteronomy 6:5 ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^[a] ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Matthew 5:17 ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Galatians 3:24 ²³ Before the coming of this faith,^[i] we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Hebrews 8:7-13 ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said:

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

⁹ It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,
and I turned away from them,
declares the Lord.

¹⁰ This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel
after that time, declares the Lord.
I will put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹²For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”^[c]

¹³By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Hebrews 9:11-13, 15 ¹¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here,^[a] he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining^[b] eternal redemption. ¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:22 ²²without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:11-12 ¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Poetry/Wisdom literature

Parallelism (Couplets); figurative language; metaphors; similes

Psalms 119; Psalm 139; Proverbs 15

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 11:22

Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout
is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

Proverbs 26:23 (NLT)

Smooth words may hide a wicked heart,
just as a pretty glaze covers a clay pot.

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city whose walls are broken through
is a person who lacks self-control.

Psalms 18:2

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Proverbs 18:10 (NLT)

The name of the LORD is a strong fortress;
the godly run to him and are safe.

Proverbs 26:27

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it;
if someone rolls a stone, it will roll back on them.

Ecclesiastes 10:1

As dead flies give perfume a bad smell,
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

Job 5:7

Man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.

Isaiah 40:31

but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Matthew 23:37

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."