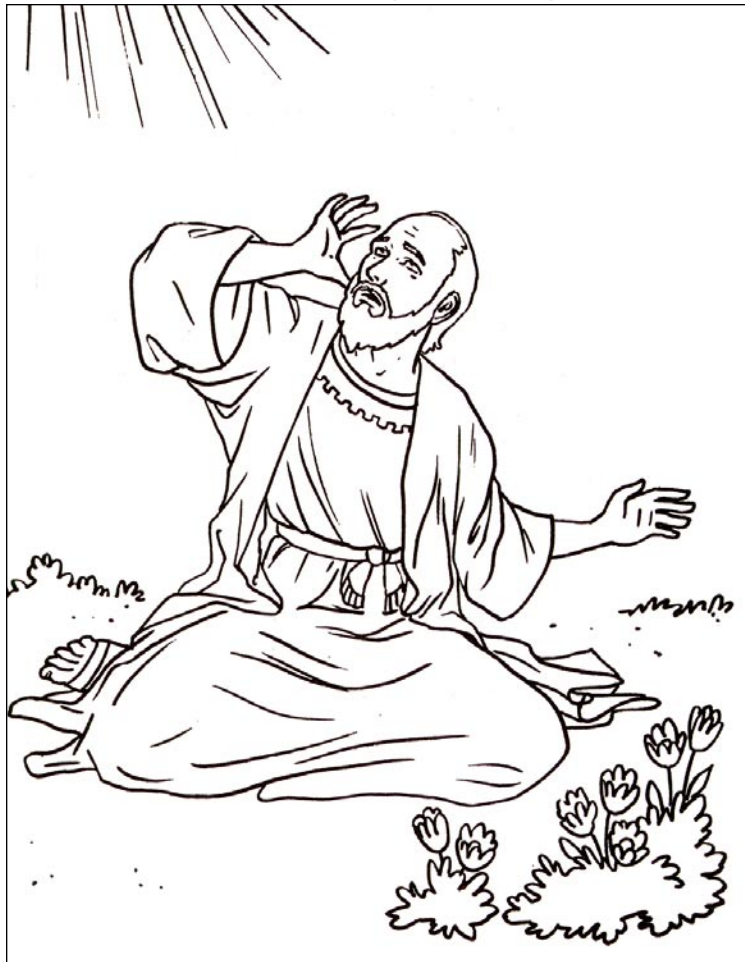
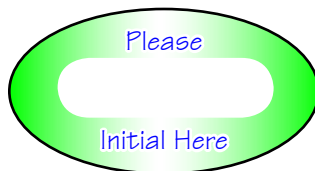


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Job learned that real understanding comes only from God.

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The Bible - Lesson Nine - The Bible The Books of Poetry

I. Overview.

In this lesson we will consider the books of poetry in the Bible. Just as there are five books of law in the Bible, there are five books of poetry. The books of poetry are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs.

The books of poetry are very useful to us because they are the writings of godly people based on their experience of God. Like all the books of the Bible, the poetic writings were inspired by the Holy Spirit.



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Because the books of poetry give us a look into the hearts of the people God, they help us to understand our own experiences. In the books of poetry there are rich expressions of such things as having love for God, having a desire God's purpose, and giving thanks and praise toward God. There is also the expression of the wisdom gained from these experiences.

II. Memory Verse.

"Hallelujah! Sing a new song to Jehovah. Sing His praise in the congregation of His faithful ones."

(Psalms 149:1)

III. Lesson.

Job

The book of Job is a long book about a man named Job. Job was a godly man, a good man. Even though Job was a good man, his goodness was based entirely on his own effort. God had to strip Job of all his goodness in order to show him that what man



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needs is not human goodness, but God Himself. The book of Job includes much discussion between Job and his friends in their attempt to understand God's ways. Eventually God Himself comes to Job, and Job learns that man should not live by human goodness, but only by God Himself.

Psalms

The book of Psalms is a collection of poems called "psalms". These were poems that could be sung. Many different people wrote the Psalms but David wrote most of them. The first psalm to be written was Psalm 90 which was written by Moses. The Psalms are full of fellowship with God, enjoying God's presence, prayers to God, and praises to God. The Psalms are wonderful to read because they touch our love for God.

Proverbs

Like the book of Psalms, the book of Proverbs is a collection of writings from several people. The most important writer was Solomon. A proverb is a very short "saying" that conveys wisdom. Whereas a "psalm" takes up a whole chapter in the book of Psalms, there are many "proverbs" in a single chapter in the book of Proverbs. The Bible tells us that Solomon wrote

three thousand proverbs. Some of his best proverbs are in this book.

Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs

Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs were written by Solomon. Ecclesiastes expresses the uselessness of human life apart from God. Song of Songs expresses the rich meaning of human life with God. Ecclesiastes uses plain words to express that all things are useless and "vanity" if we don't have God. Song of Songs uses a love story to show us the joy and fulfillment of having God Himself and wanting nothing but Him. All together the books of poetry help us to understand our own experience of God through the experience of others.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. How many books of poetry are in the Bible?

2. What are the names of the books of poetry in the Bible?

3. What is a psalm?

4. What is a proverb?

