

LPL Intensive Weekend on UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

10-11 March 2017 at TRAC Office

Outline of LPL Module on Understanding the Old Testament

The Intensive Study Weekend Module is intended to provide an introduction to:

- The context of the Old Testament - its historical, cultural and the socio-religious background;
- The books of the Old Testament; and
- The basic principles of interpreting the Old Testament texts.

Recommended Textbooks:

1. Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth **(Compulsory pre-reading for the course, except for NT Chapters 3,4,6,7,8,13)**
2. William Sanford Lasor, David Allan Hubbard, Frederic William Bush, Old Testament Survey: The Message, Form, and Background of the Old Testament 2nd Edition
3. Bruce K. Waltke and Charles Yu, An Old Testament Theology: An Exegetical, Canonical, and Thematic Approach

Timetable:

	Friday (10 Mar)	Saturday (11 Mar)
7.30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Session 1: An Introduction to Understanding the Old Testament and its world.	
9.00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.		Session 2: Understanding the Torah
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.		Break
11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.		Session 3: Understanding the Prophetic Books
1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.		Session 4: Understanding the Historical Books
3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.		Break
4.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.		Session 5: Understanding Psalms, Wisdom Books and Writings

Additional Resources:

1. Fredrick Carlson Holmgren and Walter Brueggemann, The Old Testament and the Significance of Jesus: Embracing Change -Maintaining Christian Identity
2. Gordon Wenham, The Psalter Reclaimed: Praying and Praising with the Psalms
3. David Noel Friedman, The Unity of the Hebrew Bible (The Distinguished Senior Faculty Lecture Series)
4. W. Dumbrell, The Faith of Israel (London: Apollos, 1989)
5. Tremper Longman III and Raymond B. Dillard, Understanding the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006, 2nd ed)

Assignment I: (closing date 12 June 2017)

A short essay of 1500-2000 words on one of the following topics:

1. Pick a favourite Psalm and discuss its form and message
2. The role of women in the Old Testament.
3. Human and Divine Love in the Song of Songs.
4. Compare the character of Saul and David.

Assignment II: (closing date 12 September 2017)

An essay of 2500-3000 words on one of the following topics:

1. Why is the rebuilding of the Temple important for Israel?
2. Righteousness and justice in the Old Testament
3. What is the concept of sin in the Old Testament?
4. Compare Israel's Theocracy and Monarchy.
5. The Son of Man

Note: The letter and assignment are to be sent to me at joshkhong@gmail.com and c.c. to the LPL Registrar, Rev Teoh Lee Yng (trac.lpl.registrar@gmail.com)