

## PREVIEW TO SESSION 9

### Job: The Text and its Study

#### A. DESCRIPTION

We initiate our study of the classic wisdom literature of the Old Testament by considering the book of Job. First steps require a survey of the title and place of the book in the canon, questions of authorship and date, the text, translation, and structure of the book, and finally, an overview of interpretative views.

#### B. TARGETS

Learners who successfully complete this session will . . .

1. voice two ways in which the name of the book may be understood.
2. recognize that the final form of the book offers few clues to authorship and date.
3. capture a sense of the book's structure.
4. understand how the message of Job challenges hasty conclusions about wisdom.

#### C. ASSIGNMENTS

Before the beginning of this session, all learners must . . .

1. Begin memorizing Job 1:20-22. Use the NIV version linked to our class website.
2. Read BO 127-166.
3. Complete the worksheet for Session 9 and bring a paper copy of this work to class. It will be collected in the first few minutes of the meeting.

#### D. FOR FURTHER STUDY

Francis I. Anderson. *Job. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*. Inter-Varsity, 1976.

Derek Kidner. *The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job & Ecclesiastes*. Inter-Varsity, 1985.

Tremper Longman III. *Job. Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms*. Baker, 2012.