



Wednesday Night Lenten Study

Dr. Samuel L. Adams, Professor of Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary, will join us during Lent to examine the understanding of death and the afterlife in the Bible and surrounding cultures.

Topics to be examined include ancient ideas about Sheol, heavenly reward, physical resurrection, and other beliefs about what happens to us when we die. We will also consider conceptions of the human soul and how these ancient texts are so relevant for our lives, especially during Lent.

Study begins Wednesday, February 21

7:00—8:00 p.m. in Kemp Hall

Join us also for Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m.

(Please make reservations by the previous Monday at Noon.)

We welcome Dr. Adams to RRPC. His interests include the Wisdom literature of the Bible and beyond, wealth and poverty in the biblical world, apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Egyptology, biblical theology, and the Bible and film. He published the monograph, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea* (Westminster John Knox, 2014). His first book, Wisdom in Transition: Act and Consequence in Second Temple Instructions (Brill, 2008), addresses ancient conceptions of retribution and the possibility of an afterlife. Current book projects include a commentary on the Jewish sage, Ben Sira (Anchor Yale Bible), and editing a comprehensive introduction to wisdom literature. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), he has served churches in New Haven, CT, Chicago, IL, and in Richmond, VA. He is also a regular blogger for the Huffington Post.



***This study will meet February 21, February 28 (Led by Dr. Jim Wright),
March 7, and March 14.***