

7 Books of Wisdom:

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach

Book of JOB

Job 1:21: "the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

An essay on the problem of evil. The book starts with God and Satan discussing Job, a "perfect and upright" man who "feared God and avoided evil."

Our church fathers generally emphasize 2 major instructions that Christians can learn from the book of Job:

- A. Complete trust in God in evil times and temptations
- B. Perseverance.

Book of PSALMS

Psalms 1:1: "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,"

The Psalms contrast the "righteous" person with the "wicked" or "ungodly" or the "sinner." The righteous person is one who takes care to know the laws of God, has good judgment, and avoids bad company. The result is the ability to withstand difficult times in life supported by God's protection. The book of Psalms is seen as the most useful and essential means for believer's conversation with God.

Book of PROVERBS

"To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight..." (Proverbs 1:2)

An example of Biblical Wisdom, and raises questions of values, moral behavior, the meaning of human life, and right conduct. The repeated theme is that "the fear of God (meaning submission to the will of God) is the beginning of wisdom. The book of Proverbs is seen as a source of Divine wisdom that should be taken very seriously. It is not a coincidence that the first sentence written in Armenian was taken from the beginning of the Book of Proverbs

Book of ECCLESIASTES

Ecclesiastes 3: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Discusses the meaning of life and the best way to live.

Book of SONG OF SOLOMON

SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2: "For your love is better than wine"

Celebrates love giving a voice to 2 people in love.

Book of WISDOM

BOOK OF WISDOM 1:6: "For wisdom is a kindly spirit . . ."

A persuasion to pursue Wisdom

Book of SIRACH

SIRACH 1:1: "All wisdom is from the Lord, and with Him it remains forever."

Book of Sirach was so popular in the Early Church that it was considered as the "Church Book", "Ecclesiasticus". It contains ethical teachings