

OT Poetry Books 18-22 of the Bible

What were God's interests – in relationship?

18. Job – The way suffers **“He knoweth the way that I take...he hath tried me”** 23:10
Can righteous people suffer? What can be the purpose and the end goal?

Job's enemy – “went **Satan** forth from...presence of the LORD...smote Job with sore boils” 2:7

Job's pain – “none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his **grief** was very great.” 2:13

Job's friends – “his three friends...had found no answer; and yet had **condemned Job**” 32:,3

Job's dilemma – “For He is not a man, as I...**Nor is there any mediator** between us” 9:32,33

Job's hope – “my redeemer liveth...though...worms destroy...body, yet...shall I see God” 19:25-26

Job's God – “I know that thou canst do everything...no thought can be withholden from thee” 42:2

Job's self view – “I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes...I understood not” 42:3,6

19. Psalms – Way in song **“sing psalms...sing in the ways of the LORD”** 105:2/138:5

Psalms of praise & joy – “I will be glad and **rejoice** in thee: I will sing **praise** to thy name” 9:2

Psalms of the Messiah – “they **pierced** my hands and my feet” 22:16

Psalms of shepherd – “The LORD is **my shepherd**; I shall not want...He restoreth my soul” 23:1-

Psalms of despair – “Why art thou **cast down**, O my soul...why...disquieted within me?” 42:11

Psalms of confession – “Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity...cleanse me from **my sin**” 51:2

Psalms of victory – “sing unto the LORD a new song...his right hand...gotten him...**victory**” 98:1

Psalms of thanks – “give **thanks** unto the LORD...he is good...his mercy endureth for ever” 107:1

Psalms of hope – “Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I **hope** in thy word” 119:114

20. Proverbs – The way of wisdom **“fear of the LORD...beginning of wisdom”** 9:10

Wealth – “**Riches** profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death” 11:4

Ways – “is a **way** which seemeth right unto a man, but the end...are the **ways** of death” 14:12

Wrath – “A soft answer turneth away **wrath**: but grievous words stir up anger” 15:1

Words – “The **words** of a talebearer are as wounds... go down into the innermost parts...” 18:8

Work – “He also that is slothful in his **work** is brother to him that is a great waster” 18:9

Wine – “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging...whosoever is deceived thereby...not wise” 20:1

Women – “As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair **woman**...without discretion” 11:22

21. Song of Solomon – The way of love **“Many waters cannot quench love”** 8:7

Falling in love – “Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth... thy **love** is better than wine” 1:2

United in love – “Thou art all fair, my **love**...no spot in thee...my **spouse**...hast ravished” 4:7,9

Struggling in love – “I opened to my **beloved**...my **beloved** had withdrawn...and was gone” 5:6

Growing in love – “stir not up, nor awake my **love**, until he please” 8:4

22. Ecclesiastes – The way of vanity **“all is vanity”** 1:2

King Solomon searched “under the sun.” He had power, wisdom, prestige, skill, fame, riches (silver was as stones), love (700 wives), peace, gardens, music, and “withheld not my heart not from any joy.” But he saw suffering, and that all ended up the same: dead. (Christian's life is in the heavenlies in Christ, Eph.)

The observation – “I...**considered** all the oppressions that are done under the sun...the tears” 4:1

The realization – “*I have seen all the works...done under the sun...all is...vexation of spirit*” 1:14

The depression – “*Therefore I **hated** life...work that is...under the sun is grievous unto me*” 2:17

The conclusion – “*the **conclusion** of the...matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments*” 12:13