



- FEE AND STUART CHAPTER 12 (STUART 2014:233). WISDOM: THEN AND NOW - "WISDOM" BOOKS: ECCLESIASTES, PROVERBS, AND JOB (STUART 2014:233).
- WISDOM IS THE ABILITY TO MAKE GODLY CHOICES IN LIFE (STUART
- 2014:233). • - THE WISE PERSON WAS HIGHLY PRACTICAL, NOT MERELY THEORETICAL (STUART 2014:235).
- FEAR OF THE LORD (STUART 2014:236). THINK FOCUS.



- PROVERBS (STUART 2014:239). OF THE 31 CHAPTERS, MANY READ ONE-A-
- - Consider the English proverbs "Look before you leap" and 'A stitch IN TIME SAVES
- NINE" ... THESE PROVERBS A CERTAIN CATCHINESS ... TRUTH ... POINTS TOWARD IT ... (STUART 2014:241).
- PROVERBS ... PARABOLIC ... FIGURATIVE ... PRACTICAL, NOT THEORETICALLY THEOLOGICAL ... ... MEMORABLE, NOT TECHNICALLY PRECISE ... NOT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT SELFISH BEHAVIOR JUST THE OPPOSITE ... NOT GUARANTEES .. BUT POETIC GUIDELINES FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR .EXAGGERATION(S) ... PROVERBS GIVE GOOD ADVICE ... WRONGLY USED, PROVERBS MIGHT JUSTIFY A CRASS, MATERIALISTIC LIFESTYLE. RIGHTLY USED, PROVERBS WILL PROVIDE PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR DAILY LIVING (STUART 2014:249).



- Job (Stuart 2014:249). Believed to be the OLDEST BOOK in the Bible, written some time in the 2nd millennium BCE (2,000 years BEFORE CHRIST).
- Notice the questions.
- JOB 14:14 IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?
- GOD'S WILL (STUART 2014:250).
- GOD'S WILL DECREED (SAL, 2PE3.9) PERCEPTIVE (NOT KILL, EXO20.13) PREFERENTIAL (MERCY VS PUNISH) PERMISSIVE (NOT ROBOTS, NOT CAUSED BUT USED, GEN50.20, ROM8.28) DIRECTIVE (GUIDANCE, PAUL VISION NIGHT ACT 16:9; PHILIP CITY-WIDE 2 ONE MAN ACTS 8.26)



- SEE RETRIBUTION THEOLOGY
- RETRIBUTION THEOLOGY IS BASICALLY THE IDEA THAT YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE, GOD SEES TO IT THAT THE GOOD PEOPLE GET GOOD THINGS IN LIFE, AND THE BAD PEOPLE GET BAD THINGS. GOD PUNISHES PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THEIR ACTIONS. RETRIBUTION THEOLOGY SAYS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GET CANCER, IT'S A SIGN THAT GOD IS PUNISHING YOU FOR SOMETHING BAD YOU'VE DONE. IF YOUR BUSINESS PROSPERS, IT'S A SIGN THAT GOD IS PLEASED WITH YOU. RETRIBUTION THEOLOGY IS THUS AN OVERLY SIMPLISTIC INTERPRETATION OF LIFE EVENTS THAT MAKES ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT GOD'S INTENTIONS.
- THERE IS CAUSE AND EFFECT SIN TAX, SMOKING & DRINKING, COPD, PSORIASIS OF THE LIVER, THE CONCEPT OF SOWING AND REAPING (GALATIANS 6:7). IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT GRACE AND

. Grace - Receiving what you do NOT deserve (forgiveness, heaven...) Mercy - NOT Receiving what you DO deserve (hell, punishment)







