

I. General Information about the Course

A. The Syllabus proper

1. Objectives of the Study
  - a. To enable the student to better understand the book of Ecclesiastes and its essential philosophy.
  - b. To assist the student in relating the message of this book to the rest of the Bible and, in particular, the great theological themes.
  - c. To help the student comprehend the problems that seem to appear in the book and find satisfactory solutions for same.
  - d. To prepare the student for offering ministry from this book and showing the relevance of its message for the needs of our time.
  - e. To facilitate the student's study habits in the use of the basic tools for Old Testament study.
2. Methods Employed to secure the Accomplishment of the Objectives
  - a. Lectures and discussions over the text of the book.
  - b. Assigned studies (papers) of particular texts to show the development of themes and ideas in Ecclesiastes.
  - c. Discussion of the problematic areas and the reading of appropriate literature working with the subject.
  - d. Message and teaching outlines for the content of the book will be prepared by the students.
  - e. For those taking the course for Old Testament exegetical credit there will be the assignment of significant portions of the book for translation and study in syntax, etc. and those not taking the course for this purpose will be asked to study English Bible materials carefully.
3. Means of testing the Accomplishment of Objectives:
  - a. Assigned papers, projects, etc., are presented, discussed in class and evaluated.