

Study Aids

Discussion Questions for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 47

In this lesson we explained that there are eight books in the Hebrew Bible that we will not include in this course of study because they do not fit well into our purpose of presenting the major themes of the Bible and tying them all together. Those eight books are the three “Wisdom Books” of Job, Psalms, and Proverbs; and “The Five Scrolls” of Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther. These we will save to study at another time.

Questions:

What is the significance of the reference to the razor never touching the head of Samuel in chapter one, verse 11?

Samuel could be called the last of the judges, but he was not included in that list. What is the connection with the previous statement, and the one in chapter verse 20 where it says “Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord”? What does it mean to be “a prophet of the Lord”?

Did the Jews honor a “prophet” more than a “judge”?

Are we to honor those who occupy the Office of the Ministry? Does he have the authority to introduce new laws or arbitrarily establish adiaphora (practices neither established or forbidden by God) or ceremonies?

Are we to obey when our pastor uses God’s Word? Dare we take such a minister for granted?