

Seminar: Literary Beauty in God's Word
-with a focus on poetry-
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I. What does it mean to call the Bible *literary*?

- a. Artfully shaped forms
- b. Genres

II. Why do we need to talk about the Bible as *literary*?

- a. Because of the nature of the Word God inspired
- b. Because of the nature of our habits
- c. Because of the nature of literary form and content (Psalm 77)
- d. Because of the nature of human beings

III. How can we have better eyes for the Bible's literary beauty?

- a. Relish the words
- b. Notice the literary elements
 - ***shape of a unified section** (Psalm 92, Psalm 19, etc.)
 - ***shape of parallel lines** (Psalm 119:2, 10, 114, Psalm 1:2)
 - ***Imagery** (Psalm 1:3-4)
- c. Approach the text prayerfully and humbly (Psalm 119:33-40)