



Wisdom Literature

Wisdom and Creation

Interpreting the Text:

1. How should we take the presentation of wisdom as existing before or alongside Creation? How does this affect the way we traditionally imagine creation to have taken place?
2. What does the feminine personification of wisdom and her place at God's side do for your understanding of creation?
3. What is the relationship between wisdom and death according to Proverbs? What does this teach us about God?

Applying the Text:

1. What role does the "natural theology" of Proverbs play in contemporary belief?
2. Dr. Joel Baden says, "Wisdom herself, having existed since before the world, [...] is inherent in the current order." Is Wisdom viewed this way by Christian communities today?
3. Proverbs repeatedly refers to the student as "my child" or "children." How do you see yourself as the "child" receiving this wisdom?