

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)**