

Wrap-up Session: OT Theology for Christians

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- 8:30** *Arrival & Setup*
- 8:45** *Opening Prayer / Initial Announcements*
- 9:00** **Session 1 – What is Biblical Theology?**
- 10:00** *Q & A*
- 10:15** *Break*
- 10:30** **Session 2 – Various Approaches to Old Testament Theology**
- 11:30** *Group Discussions:* What approaches do you find interesting? What are their strengths and challenges? How can we apply these approaches in our academic/ministerial/everyday life?
- 11:45** **Presentation – A Believer’s Response to the OT** (by Sr. Christine Hilliard, C.S.J.)
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 1:00** **Session 3 – A Biblical Theology of Exile**
- 2:00** *Q & A*
- 2:15** *Break*
- 2:30** **Session 4 – The Future of Old Testament Theology**
- 3:30** *Group Discussions:* What do YOU find the most challenging questions for an OT theology for Christians?
- 3:45** *Final Announcements / Closing Prayer*
- 4:00** *Clean-up & Departure*

Catholic Bible Institute – May 2, 2015 – Opening Prayer

MIRIAM GROUP

Theme: Hebrew Theology for Christians + St. Joseph, Patron of Workers and of the Universal Church

Opening Hymn: (verses 1-3)

WHATSOEVER YOU DO

Willard F. Jabusch

Refrain

What-so - ev - er you do to the least of my peo - ple, that you

Verses

do un - to me.

1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to
2. When I was home-less, you o - pened your
3. When I was wea - ry, you helped me find
4. When in a pris - on, you came to my
5. When I was laughed at, you stood by my

1. eat; When I was thirst - y, you gave me to drink.
2. door; When I was na - ked, you gave me your coat.
3. rest; When I was anx - ious, you calmed all my fears.
4. cell; When on a sick-bed, you cared for my needs.
5. side; When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.

to Refrain

1-5. Now en - ter in - to the home of my Fa - ther.

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Call to Prayer:

Leader: Calling upon our patron St. Joseph the Worker, please read the responses indicated by the color of your table sign.

O glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace ...

Blue: To work in a spirit of penance, for the expiation of my sins,

Red: To work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my own inclinations:

Yellow: To work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor, the gifts received from God.

Blue: To work with order, peace, moderation and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials;

Red: To work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having ever before my eyes the hour of my death and the account I must give of time poorly spent, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success.

All: All for Jesus, all through Mary; all after your example, O Patriarch Joseph; such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

First Reading: Deut 32:45-47

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them, "Take to heart all the words that I am giving in witness against you today, words you should command your children, that they may observe carefully every word of this law. For this is no trivial matter for you, but rather your very life; by this word you will enjoy a long life on the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Responsorial: Psalm 28:6-9

Response: Blessed be the Lord, who has heard the sound of my pleading!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts.
I am helped, so my heart rejoices;
with my song I praise him. **(Response)**

Leader: LORD, you are a strength for your people, the saving refuge of your anointed.
Save your people, bless your inheritance;
pasture and carry them forever! **(Response)**

Gospel Reading: Matt 5:1-2, 17-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Concluding Prayer:

All: Jesus, I have come to realize through the insights from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures taught to me by the Catholic Bible Institute that when you come to me sacramentally in the Eucharist, it is not only to hold conversation with me but to join me more and more to yourself physically because your Incarnation is realized in me through the Eucharist. I am privileged to see that you are the center of my universe as well as the environment—the milieu in which "I have been taken possession of by Christ." You are not only my personal center, but a transcendent center that activates the love energy of the world. I thank you, God, and I praise you. Amen.

(modified from *Praying with Teilhard de Chardin*, p.80)

Closing Hymn: Whatsoever You Do (verses 4-5)

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Isaiah Group

If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat, if thirsty, give them something to drink. (Proverbs 25:21)

Call to Prayer: (*Economic Justice for All*, USCCB 1986)

All: “Jesus takes the side of those most in need. As followers of Christ, we are challenged to make a fundamental ‘option for the poor’ – to speak for the voiceless, to defend the defenseless, to assess life styles, policies, and social institutions in terms of their impact on the poor.” (#16)

“...poverty is not merely the lack of adequate financial resources. It entails a more profound kind of deprivation, a denial of full participation in the economic, social, and political life of society and an inability to influence decisions that affect one’s life... Therefore we should seek solutions that enable the poor to help themselves through such means as employment” (#188)

First Reading: Mal 3:22-24

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

Remember the law of Moses my servant, whom I charged at Horeb with statutes and ordinances for all Israel. Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day; He will turn the heart of fathers to their sons, and the heart of sons to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with utter destruction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Responsorial: Psalm 34: 2-9

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor!

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **(Resp.)**

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. **(Resp.)**

Leader: Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor called out, the LORD heard, and from all their distress he saved them. **(Resp.)**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed are they who take refuge in him. **(Resp.)**

Second Reading: Rom 12:16-18, 20-21

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Rather, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Concluding Prayer: Num 6:24-26

All: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**