

## Reading and Understanding the Bible

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Poetry  
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### The Nature of Biblical Poetry

- Poetry invites the reader to interpret with their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Poetry is \_\_\_\_\_, saying a lot in very few words.
- **Parallelism** - C. S. Lewis said parallelism is "The practice of saying the \_\_\_\_\_ twice with different words."
  - **What is the progression in Psalm 1:1?**
- **Metaphor** is a mode of \_\_\_\_\_ - one thing is another.
  - **In what way is the Lord like a shepherd?**
- **Simile** is comparing two \_\_\_\_\_ things that is often introduced by like or as.
- **Hyperbole** is deliberate \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of effect.
  - It never claims to express the literal truth but instead conveys \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

- Psalm 18:29; 42:3; 18:7-8; 56:1-2.

### **The Dangers of "Literalism."**

- Not everything in the Bible is intended to be taken literally.
- When we take every verse literally, we lose the \_\_\_\_\_ of its meaning.

### **Homework**

- The Bible Project - How to Read Biblical Prose Discourse
  - 3 Videos - Pay special attention to the "Study Notes" found below each video on the website version.