



# EMPOWER MINISTRIES

We equip people to connect with the God of the Bible and stay connected—so they will be ready to meet the King

239 Rancho Villa  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
Ofc./Fax 509-876-4943  
Mobile 775.223.2554/2562  
Web empowerministries.org  
Email info@empowerministries.org

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT, FEBRUARY 1ST

 **Empower ministries**  
239 Rancho Villa  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
775.223.2554/2562 ph  
509.876.4943 fax  
www.empowerministries.org

### FEBRUARY, 2018 Calendar

- **CuppaJ Café Devotions**  
8:30 AM, PDT Mon. and Fri./Lee Gugliotto, Ph.D.
- **Great GrandParenting**  
6 PM, PDT Monday evenings/Hank Bayer, Alan Miller
- **Fellowship Bible Study**  
6 PM, PDT Tuesday evenings/Lee Gugliotto, Ph.D.
- **All Natural, All the Time**  
6 PM, PDT Thursday evenings/Lyall Abbott
- **Advent Bible Study**  
8:30 AM, PDT Wednesday mornings/Dennis Herman
- **New Covenant Worship for NT People**  
1 PM, PDT Saturday afternoons, Empowerment Team
- **Biblical Correctness**  
Living by the Bible in a politically correct world, TBA
- **LORD's Supper Service**  
6 PM, PDT Friday evenings on homechurchtv.org
- **NT Greek & Hebrew REL 101**  
4PM, PT Sunday, with Lee Gugliotto, Ph.D.
- **Nature-Opathy**  
Therapy from exposure to nature, TBA
- **Windows into the Word**  
Word Studies, TBA, with Lyall Abbott, TBA

We simulcast all of our programs (except, NT Greek, REL 101) via christianworldmedia.com

- To watch over Internet TV, type homechurchtv.org into your browser, click on "Watch Live" at the website
- To participate live, go to gotomeeting/empowerministries.com, then type 426 648 453 to enter the meeting.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- **Cory Glover**  
MARRIED, February 17
- **Jolynn Gugliotto**  
BORN, February 18

### Apologies

The flu descended on Dr. Lee mid-month and refuses to leave. Battling chills, sniffles, coughs, and a stuffy nose, he was unable to compose the newsletter for this month until Sunday, the 4th. Without his wife Jolynn, away caring for their daughter following neck/fusion surgery, he had to recruit help for preparing the newsletter for mailing. So, we apologize for sending it so late to all of you. Please excuse our tardiness and enjoy its highly useful articles, recipe, and information. Blessings to all!

VOLUME 18  
ISSUE

# 2

FEBRUARY  
2018

### THE BLESSING OF REPETITION

As for the outworking of joy in the Lord that Paul commends in the remainder of the epistle, we read that he [Paul] is writing "the same things" (Phil. 3:1), that is, the same things he has taught the Philippians before. Essentially, the Apostle is telling his original audience that what he is about to say is nothing new; he has already conveyed these matters to them on past occasions. Just like us, the Philippians struggled with sins that dulled their minds, and they needed a reminder of past teachings lest they forget them. Like the Philippians, we need to be reminded again and again of what we have been taught, for we are quick to forget.. God is gracious to us in our weaknesses, and, understanding that we are quick to forget, repeats Himself often in Scripture. In many ways, the Bible is a very repetitive book, and that is a good thing. Thus, we should never tire of hearing and reading the same lessons again and again... .  
— *Ligonier Ministries*

MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER  
FOR EQUIPPING  
CHRISTIANS  
IN THE LAST  
DAYS

# JOURNAL EndTime

### this issue

- Revelation, Inspiration Bible Study, **P.1**
- Rev/Insp/Bible Study **P.2,3**
- Pray and Bake **P.3**
- Calendar, Birthdays **P.4**



## BIBLICAL POETRY/PARALLELISM/REPETITION

### Introduction

We will resume our analysis of "Revelation, Inspiration, and Bible Study" next month. For now, the warm reception to our most recent NO-GRAMMAR Hebrew/Greek Class compels us to share some practical thoughts on Biblical Poetry or parallelism from my "Handbook for Bible Study."

This type of literature makes up almost one third of the Old Testament and frequently appears in the New Testament, especially in the gospels. In fact, only Leviticus, Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, and Malachi lack some form of poetry. Poetry presents issues in black and white with mostly figurative language. It generally avoids certain devices found in Hebrew prose .

The dominant feature, however, of biblical poetry is the way it arranges two (a couplet), three (a triad), and even four (a quatrain) lines in parallel.

The three basic kinds of parallels used in Hebrew poetry are:

1. **Grammatic**—The lines are parallel in form but not in meaning

For example, both lines may have the same word order:

subject	verb	direct	object
subject	verb	direct	object

But none of the words used need to have the same meaning.

2. **Semantic**—The lines are parallel in meaning or thought and also can match up grammatically. There are two subdivisions of semantic parallelism:

(a) **synonymous parallelism**, in which the second or succeeding lines repeat the thought from the first line but use different words; for example,

Israel	does not	know
My people	do not	consider"
"Love	your enemies,	
Do good	to those who hate you	
Bless	those who curse you	
Pray for	those who abuse you"	(Luke 6:27, 28).

Other NT examples include:

[Matt. 5:39, 40; 39:46, 47; 6:25; 7:6; 7:7, 8; 10:24, 25; 10:41; 12:30; 12:41, 42; 13:16; 23:39; Mark 2:21, 22; 3:4; 3:24, 25; 3:28; 4:22; 4:30; 8:17, 18; 9:43-47; 10:38; 10:43, 44; 13:24, 25; Luke 6:37, 38; 12:48b; 13:2-5; 15:32; 17:26-29; 19:43, 44; 23:39; John 3:11; 6:35; 6:55; 12:31; 13:16]

(b) **antithetic parallelism**, in which the second or succeeding lines are in contrast with the thought from the first line, but again using different words; for example,

"A soft answer	turns away	wrath,
But a harsh word	stirs up	anger"
"A good tree	cannot bear	bad fruit,
Nor can a bad tree	bear	good fruit"

(Matt. 7:18).

## THE MASTER'S TOUCH

(c) *chiastic*—in which the thoughts alternate,

usually going from thought A to B and then back from B' to A'. If you diagram the pattern, you discover that the thoughts crisscross to form an X, which is the shape of the Greek letter *chi*, hence the words “chiastic” and chiasm”.



“The alternation of ideas . . . indicate that this . . . structure is not accidental, but rather an ingenious design of the poet . . . the Hebrew poet deliberately decided not to parallel precisely the word order of his poem by using the chiasm pattern.”

Although B may complement or even complete A, “Chiastic parallelism clearly avoids expressing the same idea twice. It rather aims at a sequence of thought which brings out the essence of the point more fully and sharply” (LaRondelle, *Deliverance in the Psalms*) There are at least three chiastic patterns:

## BIBLICAL POETRY/PARALLELISM/REPETITION (CONT'D.)

Other NT examples include:

[Matt. 5:19; 6:2, 3; 6:5, 6; 6:22, 23; 7:17, 18; 10:32, 33; 13:16, 17; 22:14; Mark 2:19, 20; 3:28, 29; 4:25; 7:8; 7:15; 8:35; Luke 6:21a and 25a; 6:21b and 25b; 7:44, 45; 7:46, 47; 16:10; John 3:6; 3:12; 3:17; 3:20, 21]

3. **Rhetorical**—This type of parallelism uses certain literary devices to balance, beautify, or simplify meaning, and it uses seven different ways to do this:

(a) **climactic**, in which the thoughts repeat and progressively build to a peak; for example:

“The Lord is in his holy temple;  
The Lord is on his heavenly throne;  
He observes the sons of men;  
His eyes examine them” (Ps. 11:4, NIV).

or they might climb a staircase; for example:

“for he cometh,  
for he cometh to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
he shall judge the people with his truth” (Ps. 96:13, KJV)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets;  
I have not come to abolish  
but to fulfill” (Matt. 5:17).

Other NT examples include:

[Matt. 6:6; 6:22, 23; 6:34; 10:34; 10:40; 12:28, 29; Mark 2:27, 28; 9:37; Luke 10:16; John 6:37; 8:32; 10:11; 11:25; 13:20; 14:2, 3; 14:21; 16:7; 16:22]

(b) **synthetic** — in which thoughts are added to one another to fill out the idea; for instance:

“Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
or stand in the way of sinners  
or sit in the seat of mockers” (Ps. 1:1, NIV)

“The law of the wise is a fountain of life,  
to turn one away from the snares of death” (Prov. 13:14, NKJV).

Other NT examples include:

[Matt. 6:6; 6:22, 23; 6:34; 10:34; 10:40; 12:28, 29; Mark 2:27, 28; 9:37; Luke 10:16; John 6:37; 8:32; 10:11; 11:25; 13:20; 14:2, 3; 14:21; 16:7; 16:22]

Sometimes both lines seem to express entirely different or unrelated ideas, yet they share a common theme:

“He that hideth hatred with lying lips,  
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool” (Prov. 10:18, KJV).

Although the first person hides his true feelings and the second makes no effort to conceal his, both improperly use their tongues to produce the same results—injury.

Other NT examples include: [Matt. 23:5-10; Mark 12:38b, 39; Luke 12:49-51]

(c) **chiasmus** (see description in column at the left)

The simple chiasm:

A “Ephraim shall not envy  
B Judah  
C and Judah  
C’  
B’ shall not harass  
A’ Ephraim” (Isa. 11:13, NKJV)

The line chiasm:

Although the first person hides his true feelings and the second makes no effort to conceal his, both improperly use their tongues to produce the same results—injury.

A “My son, if thine heart be wise,  
B My heart shall rejoice, . . .  
B’ My reins shall rejoice,  
A’ When thy lips speak right things” (Prov. 23:15, 16, KJV)

A Whoever exalts himself  
B will be humbled  
B’ whoever humbles himself  
A’ will be exalted” (Matt. 23:12, NIV).

The stanza chiasm:

A “By his power he stilled the Sea;  
B by his understanding he struck down Rahab.  
B’ by his wind the heavens were made fair;  
A’ his hand pierced the fleeing serpent” (Job 26:12, 13, NRSV).

Other NT examples include: [Matt. 6:24; 7:6; Mark 2:22, 27; 8:35; 9:43, 45, 47; 10:31]

(d) **comparative**—in which the second line, in comparison with the first, illustrates and explains it

*figuratively:*

“As the deer pants for the water brooks,  
so pants my soul for You, O God” (Ps. 42:1, NKJV).

*directly:*

“A continual dropping on a very rainy day  
and a contentious woman are alike” (Prov. 27:15, NKJV).

*sensibly:*

“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord,  
than great treasure and turmoil” (Prov. 15:16, NASB).

(e) **merismus**—in which a part is used to indicate the whole, and vice versa.

“For from the rising of the sun  
even unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great among the Gentiles” (Mal. 1:11, KJV).

(f) **paronomasia** in which similar sounds are placed side by side, to achieve a play on words:

[God] “looked for justice [mishpat],  
but saw bloodshed [mishpach];  
For righteousness [tsedaqah]  
but heard cries of distress [tseaqah]” (Isa. 5:7, NIV).

(g) **ballast-variant**—when couplets or triads occur in which one grammatical unit has no counterpart to balance it, the Hebrew compensates by lengthening the shorter line with the missing part

A He made known his ways to Moses  
B his acts to the people of Israel” (Ps. 103:7).

(Note that the verb translated “he made known” in the first line has nothing to match it in the second line, but David adds “of Israel” to the second line as sort of ballast to compensate for the lack of the verb.) For more information about these insightful parallelisms, see Nils Lund’s Chiasms in the New Testament.

## VEGE-KITCHEN

### Potato Bread



#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 c. mashed potatoes
- 4 c. warm potato or plain water
- 2 tbsp. baking yeast
- 3 tbsp. Honey
- 1tbsp. Salt
- 10 c. whole wheat flour



#### Instructions

1. Whip together mashed potatoes and water
  2. Add yeast and honey. Let bubble slightly.
  3. Mix in 4 c. Whole wheat flour and salt. Let stand 10 min.
  4. Mix in 6 more cups whole wheat flour and knead for 10-12 min.
  5. Let rise until double in bulk. Divide into 2 balls.
  6. Form into loaves working bubbles out by hitting the dough
  7. Place in 3 large loaf pans sprayed with Pam. Let rise about 1/2 hour
  8. Bake 350F 55-60 min.
  9. Makes 3 large loaves
- ENJOY!

## This Month's Praises and Petitions

### PRAISES

- Peg's daughter, Rachel continues to heal but still needs constant prayer support
- People from 13 countries, in 111 cities, and across 50 states attended our broadcasts in January.
- George Barton continues to heal. Keep praying!
- Police found and returned Hank's stolen wallet!
- Keith and Kalin are now the proud parents of Area and Athena, their twin baby boy and girl
- A.J. and Kelly and Corey and Sarah are expecting new grandchildren for Laura
- The surgeon says Wendí can return to light duty



### PETITIONS

- The State of Nevada has assumed responsibility for Jolynn's Workman's Comp case, but is still playing catchup on payments and treatments
- Marlene's 99-yr. old Mom has pneumonia
- Desi and Kevin are battling cancer. Pray for them and their families
- David, Faith, Destiny, Aubrey, Melvin, Marlene Dennis, Laura's son Corey, wife Lisa and family
- Our Any Age Bible Study project and revival of the cuppajesus cafe website
- Bernadette and other victims of California fires