

BIBL/INDS 539: Old Testament Ethics & Christian Worldview

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2 or 3 graduate credit hours; or 2 audit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“Old Testament ethics are built upon Israel’s worldview,” says Christopher Wright. Join us as we explore the methodologies, themes, and topics of Old Testament ethics and their relationship to a Christian worldview. What are the objects and tasks of OT ethics? How should we read genres such as law, narrative, and poetry with ethical reflection in mind? What are the strengths and weaknesses of divine command and natural law ethics? Answer these questions and set OT ethics in the context of a Christian worldview, examining the ethical implication of key themes such as creation, fall, and redemption. Close readings of key passages in relation to concrete ethical issues will be presented and discussed.

SPECIAL NOTES

This course will be taught entirely in Korean.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should:

1. be able to explain how to overcome the challenges in applying/relating the Old Testament to the contemporary issues in a nuanced way;
2. be able to describe the relationship between Old Testament ethics (Biblical ethics in general) and the Christian Worldview;
3. be able to reflect and comment on the ethical issues such as land ethics, war and peace, and human rights from the Christian perspective especially enriched with Old Testament ethics.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 Introduction to Old Testament Ethics; Exploring Old Testament Ethics

Day 2 Exploring Old Testament Ethics (cont'd); Old Testament Ethics as a Christian Worldview

Day 3 Land and Jubilee

Day 4 Violence and War

Day 5 Justice and Human Rights

REQUIRED TEXTS

Wright, Christopher J. H. Old Testament Ethics for the People of God. Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2004. = 크리스토퍼 라이트. 『현대를 위한 구약윤리』서울: IVP, 2006.

Barton, John. Ethics and the Old Testament. London: SCM Press, 2002. = 존 바턴. 『온 세상을 위한 구약 윤리』(서울: IVP, 2017).

Additional Required Text (3 credit hour students)

Kim, Keunjoo. Public Nature of the Gospel: Understanding the Gospel through the Old Testament (Paju: Viator, 2017)
[in Korean] = 김근주, 『복음의 공공성』파주: 비아토르, 2017.

Additional required articles will be made available on Moodle.

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