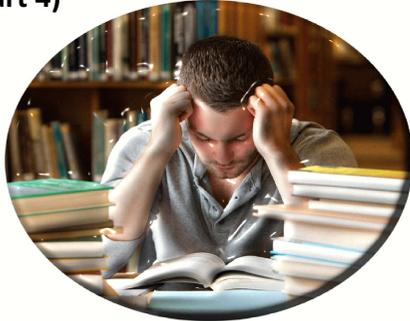


The Making of Disciples

Lesson 10/4 Rules for Interpretation (Part 4)



Textbooks:

- 1 The Word of God - the Bible
- 2 *The Doctrine of Interpretation* by Arthur W. Pink.

Tools:

- Bible Software such as, E-Sword, Biblehub, etc.
- Notebook and something to write with.
- ★ (Luke 12:48) Since God expects ***much more*** of our generation than those who have gone before us we are under obligation to use the gifts that God has provided for us. We are now stewards of God's Word and the tools His has provided for us to use for His glory. Not to use all that God has given constitute a great sin against God. We will never hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . Enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:21, 23; 11:20-24)

Rules So Far:

- 1 Interdependence between the Old and New Testaments.
 - ★ One must be a student of the Old Testament to understand the New Testament.
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- ★ Man LIVES on EVERY word of God. (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- ★ We are to declare the ***whole*** counsel of God. (Acts 20:20)
- 2 Scriptural Quotations.
 - ☆ Special attention must be given to how the Holy Spirit uses the Old Testament in the New Testament.
- 3 Analogy of Scripture.

Analogy of Faith

We NEVER say, "This verse says this therefore the Bible says . . .". BUT, instead, we always say, "The Bible says this, therefore, this verse must mean . . ."

4. Context-Context-Context

- TRUTH in GOD's Word is in what HE SAID - NOT what others think!
- Words such as FOR, WHEREFORE, THEREFORE, BECAUSE are not to be ignored.
 - Romans 8:1-30
- Who is speaking, who is being spoken to, the situation ALL play an important role in interpreting the written word.
- We are warned of adding or subtracting from the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; Matthew 15:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19)
- We are warned of twisting or perverting the Word of God. (2 Cor 2:17; 4:2; Ephesians 4:13-14; Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24)
- The ***scope*** of each writer is necessary for achieving the true sense and truth of the Word.
- A ***church*** has a responsibility/obligation to teach, preach, share, etc. the words used by Holy Spirit in His ***written*** Word in order to communicate God's own thoughts.
- Exercises:
 - ★ Matthew 18:15-20
 - ★ John 3:1-18
 - ★ Luke 15:1-32
 - ★ Romans 3:28 with James 2:24

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