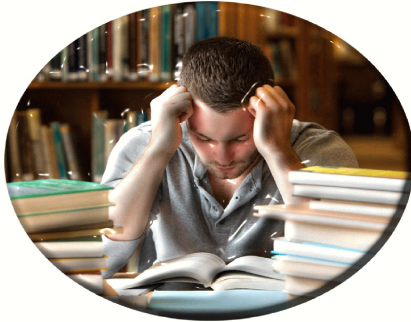


# The Making of Disciples

## Lesson 10/3

### Rules for Interpretation (Part 3)



#### Textbooks:

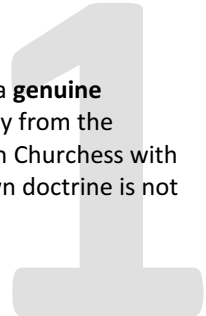
- 1 The Word of God - the Bible
- 2 *The Doctrine of Interpretation* by Arthur W. Pink.

#### 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)

#### A Pastor's Burden/Challenge

- The Word of God, Church, and what it means to be a **genuine** Christian has been *seriously* water down especially from the beginning of last century. Many have grown up in Churchess with extremely watered down doctrine. Watered down doctrine is not truth.



- The burden/challenge of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century pastor is to awaken saints to the seriousness of God, His Word, His Church, and serious study. (**Romans 13:11**; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 5:14, 15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11)
- ☆ A great burden for a pastor is to convince many that the lies of Satan are, in fact, LIES!
  - One only has to believe that they are a sinner and that Christ came to save sinners in order to get to heaven.
  - One can be a Christian without being a disciple.
  - Serious Bible study is not important in the eyes of God.
  - Church is not important. (Christ died for the Church - not individuals!)
  - One need not be an active, participating, serving member of a local church. (In contrast to God say - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
  - One can be the Christian he/she wants to be without being active in a church and doing the things that God commands churches to do. I can do what I want, how I want, and when I want and God accepts my Christianity.
  - One can pick and choose from the +400 commands of God in the New Testament.
  - One can go to heaven without a continuous repenting of their sins. (In contrast to what Christ taught/preached in Mark 1:14-15)
  - God accepts our excuses for our disobedience.

## Self-Examination

- Am I a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- I have been a disciple of Jesus Christ for \_\_\_\_ years and in those \_\_\_\_ years I have read God's Word through \_\_\_\_ times.
- T F I am now reading God's Word through.
- T F I live my life on every Word that proceeds from the mouth of My God.
- God's word consists of 66 books. What is your plan to study them all? Or do you believe that some books are not as important as others?



### 3. Conform Our Interpretation to the *Analogy of Faith*

- (Romans 12:6) Let's get our words right:
  - "prophecy" - proclaiming the Word of God; properly interpreting the Word of God to the people.
    - (1 Corinthians 14:3) Prophecy is the proper interpretation of God's Word for the edification, exhortation, and comfort for the people.
  - "proportion" - ἀναλογία **analogia** {an-al-og-ee'-ah}
    - Right relationship in agreement with a comparison between two things that have similar features.
  - "faith" this is OBJECTIVE faith - the revealed will, standard of God.
    - The ONE FAITH. (Ephesians 4:5, 13)
    - **THE** (the definite article) FAITH. (Jude 3; Titus 1:1, 13; Romans 1:5; 16:26; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Colossians 1:23; 2:7; 1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Timothy 4:1; 6:10, 21)

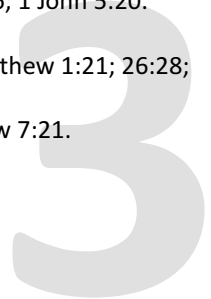
#### **Analogy of Faith**

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 . . ."

★ This calls for a comprehensive knowledge of the whole Word of God.

☆ Some simple example:

- (John 4:24) God is Spirit. Then see Psalm 8:3, 6; 10:8; 11:4; 17:7, 8; 34:15; 36:7; 39:10; 57:1.
- (James 1:17) "no variableness, neither shadow of turning". Read Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:17-18; Isaiah 57:15. Then see Genesis 6:6; Exodus 32:29; 1 Samuel 15:11; Amos 7:1-9
- Compare Psalm 19:11 with Luke 17:7-10.
- Compare John 14:28 with 10:31. See Isaiah 9:6; 1 John 5:20.
- Compare Acts 22:16 with 1 John 1:17.
- Compare John 3:16 and 1 John 2:1-2 with Matthew 1:21; 26:28; John 17:2; Acts 13:48.
- Compare Acts 16:31 with James 1:22; Matthew 7:21.



★ **NO DOCTRINE IS TO BE FOUNDED ON A SINGLE PASSAGE/VERSE.**

Man lives his life on every word of God.

☆ One must be careful not to build doctrine on a type, figurative expression, or parable.

★ A disciple ~~must be~~ is a serious student of God's Word.

## Exercise in Interpretation

Matthew 17:1-13

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