Omega Graduate School

 COM 803 Hermeneutics and Communication

 Developmental Reading: Assignment #2

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S**ource 1**: Sproul, R.C. (n.d.). Hermeneutical principles. Monergism. [Biblical Hermeneutics]

<https://www.monergism.com/hermeneutical-principles>

**Comment 1:**

* **Quote/Paraphras**e: “Since it is assumed that God would never contradict Himself, it is thought slanderous to the Holy Spirit to choose an alternate interpretation that would unnecessarily bring the Bible in conflict with itself. The analogy of faith keeps the whole Bible in view lest we suffer from the effects of exaggerating one part of Scripture to the exclusion of others” Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart: How to Read the Bible in All Its Worth; Zondervan Academy; Pp 29-33,

**Essential Element**: God *never* contradicts Himself. He’s omniscient! He knows the end from the beginning; He possibly can not contradict Himself; I believe that when we’re confronted with an alleged contradiction, the problem isn’t with the Word of God; rather, it’s with our understanding of the Scriptures. Most times there is a simple solution to the problem when we use the necessary tool and the Holy Spirit too.

**Additive/Variant Analysis: U**sing different tools to interpret the Bible give us a better clear understanding of the text. Meaning that the idea of interpretationits basic nature, scope and validity, as well as its place within and implications for human existence; and using different tool treats interpretation in the context of fundamental philosophical questions about being and knowing, language and history, art and aesthetic experience, and practical life.

**Contextualization:** I would use different versions of the Bible, Bible concordance, Bible dictionaries and any other available tool as I also listen and ask the Holy Spirit to guide me in my Bible reading. Personally, I use the KJV; NKJV; NIV, RSV and am not limited to try other versions as well. I keep a Bible in my car, in my living room, and in my bedroom that wherever am ready to hear God.

**Comment 2:**

* **Quote/Paraphrase:** “By using library research, this study shows that the confrontation between philosophy, science and religion has a distinction that can be contested. First, philosophy is considered something that is very free because it thinks without limits. Contrary to religion which is based on revelation/inspiration from a substance that is considered God. While science is a device method to seek the truth. Everything that comes from God, in a religious perspective is a truth that cannot be rejected. Second, between philosophy and science, both do not have a central figure, unlike religion which centralizes God. Third, continuity between philosophy and science is generally used as a tool to sharpen understanding of religion, so that the truth about religion becomes stronger” ILOGHO, Julie E Centre for Learning Resources, University, OTA

Ogun State.

**Essential Element:** Primarily academic libraries must have a sole recourse that relevant for academic resources available for all members of the academic community to meeting the needs of students including meeting national information needs.

**Source 2:** Diop G. Inner biblical Interpretation: Reading the Scriptures Intertextually. Biblijski pogledi. 2022 Aug 31;30(2):3-17. o

**Comment 3:**

**Quote/Paraphras**e: “Scripture is to interpret Scripture. This simply means that no part of Scripture can be interpreted in such a way to render it in conflict with what is clearly taught elsewhere in Scripture. For example, if a given verse is capable of two renditions or variant interpretations and one of those interpretations goes against the rest of Scripture while the other is in harmony with it, then the latter interpretation must be used”

**Essential Element: T**he scriptures must harmonize. The Bible is a testimony book, that it is not in error and does not contradict itself. Therefore, when are we trying to examine one passage, we must approach it with an eye to what the whole Bible says about that topic. “In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established, referring to [Deuteronomy 19:15](https://biblehub.com/deuteronomy/19-15.htm). So that should the matter be brought before the whole church, these witnesses would be able to testify the truth of the case, and report the steps that had been taken, and what effect they had had; so that things being thus prepared, the case would appear plain and easy, and without difficulty” the same applies to the harmony of the whole Bible.

**Source 3:** Packer, J. (1975). Hermeneutics and biblical authority. Themelios, 1(1), 3–12. [Seminal;

Biblical Hermeneutics] <https://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_herm_packer.html>

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**Quote/Paraphras**e: Again, By Parkers he says; “It is hardly possible to deny that what God says is true, any more than it is: possible to deny that what He commands is binding. Scripture is thus authoritative as a standard of belief no less than of behavior, and its authority in both realms, that of fact as well as that of obligation, is divine”

**Essential Element:** it is believed and confirmed that there is a true analogy between the written word and the incarnate Word, the Bible is so clear.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** I look at this as in my personal way of with others that its importance to check out every information I would receive before spreading it out especial that the social media is rapidly getting the attention of all in the 21st century. There's too much disinformation intentionally misleading and misinformation some of it unintentionally misleading is spread via social media, so how can we spot these fake stories when they appear in our eyes and ears? Its only carefully being engaged in searching for the truth otherwise we are part of the fake news, the same as the fake preachers who never search the scriptures thoroughly.

**Contextualization:** Biblical encouragement can never happen when believers does not understand the word. The world needs answers as it is getting evil and evil. I believe God has put me in this world to bring about the change that will transform humanity. It is my duty today to learn and to listen attentively by reading and understanding His will so I can pass it on to save the dying world. **“**While America rapidly moves from post-Christian to anti-Christian, we need to give courage rather than remove it. When gossip goes unchecked, assuming the worst becomes common, and using our thumbs and fingers to type what we would never say with our mouths is the “new normal”’ A point to note on why we need to understand the scriptures is because we have to understand the authors and their audience to understand the Book they wrote because it was not written in English-speaking authors so If we miss this step, we will inevitably read the Bible out of context.

**Comment 5:**  How to read the Bible well: An introduction to biblical hermeneutics. Gospel Relevance. [Biblical Hermeneutics] “But if you don’t know the original biblical languages, the two best ways are with a study Bible and a commentary. But only consult outside resources once you have done the work of understanding the text yourself. It’s important to do your own work first. Otherwise, you’ll hinder your worship and your growth.” Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart: How to Read the Bible in All Its Worth; Zondervan Academy; Pp 29-33.

**Essential Element**: There a hidden message within the context of the passage and thus it will require the reader to search the meaning from the original writings.

**Additive/Variant Analysis: From the experience from this course on Hermeneutic, I have learned l**earning how to read the Bible well takes time, effort, commitment and discipline. But since we have God who took the time to reveal himself through his Word by the Holy Spirit, then we should take the time to read it well with clarity using different tool as a way that will help through proper biblical hermeneutics.

**Contextualization:** Personally, I have to adopt the plan and the tools necessary for my personal and ministry Bible Study. My long-time desires are to develop ministers with the right equipment to equip the church especially in current days where cults are on the rise especially in my mother country Kenya. Because of economic challenges after covid 19 it's all over news how the rise of cultic ministries is on the rise and not only on the rise but they are murdering a big number of followers. The original cult in Kenta ass Mungiki it’s a dangerous one that circumcise women of all ages by force. The church must arise and make effort to train, educate its members on how to identify fake prophets and this can only happen by learning how to interpret the scriptures.

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