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## Practice Developmental Reading

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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”

**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:

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

**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 2:**

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

**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”’

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