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**Topic: Biblical Hermeneutics**

**Research Process**

**The Biblical Hermeneutics Research Process**

**Overview**

The calculated selection of this research topic is primarily chosen to gain a greater understanding

of the significant steps required in conducting the Biblical Hermeneutic Research process and the

research techniques that is necessary in successfully achieving the research outcome that targeted

from the conception of the project. This aim and objective of this research topic are:

1. Identifying the various conceptualization from researcher's journals as it relates to

elements of Biblical Hermeneutics.

2. Locate cohesive information from scholarly journals and articles that will assist in the

obtaining as much historical facts and literal understanding of the Bible and conclude my

finding with solid Evidence.

3. Develop an analysis that will exhibit the advantages and disadvantages of the Biblical

Hermeneutics Research Process.

**The Search Terms Relating to the Topic are as follows:**

**Keywords** – Biblical, Hermeneutics, Interpretation, sacred, historical.

**Introduction**

The Hermeneutics concept is needed to better understand the science and methodology of

interpretation in a diverse area of research. This fundamental topic is there to provide

information about the history, important issues, and methodologies of Biblical Hermeneutics.

Its definition clearly states that Hermeneutic is the science and methodology of interpretation.

Therefore, this research is geared at highlighting the various application of hermeneutics

towards interpreting texts (biblical writings), that are deemed sacred, hermeneutics from a

general standpoint for example any literary discussions and culturally hermeneutics

interpretation.

I came realize that their critical analysis is required for a researcher to intelligently read and

understand the sacred texts and historical facts surrounding the Bible. Britannica (2019) states

that, "The term hermeneutics has also been used in connection with interpretation of the sacred

texts of other religious tradition.” Also, it is imperative for us to learn the techniques needed

to read, and understand the scholarly literatures. Duvall Hays (2012) “God wants to have a

deeper and more mature conversation with us, but if we are tied to superficial and surface

reading of the Bible or if we always assume that we have already seen and understand all there

is, then the relationship with God will tend to stay on the same level.” Therefore, spending time

in prayer and devotion will no doubt bring clarity to those who are striving to understand the

word of Almighty God.

According to Zimmerman (2015) “Hermeneutic thinkers, however, believe that we have falsely

elevated this scientific ideal pf knowledge, allowing it to become measures of human knowledge.

Rather, Hermeneutic thinkers say that we only conduct experiments and want to know about the

World because we are deeply involved with it at the level of everyday, practical activity.” So, in

other words, the Hermeneutic thinkers stand firmly to challenge the idea that of knowledge being

received by means of observations that is considered as disinterested. Writing Research (2016)

emphasize that we ought to express opinions and probabilities. Also, using terminologies to the

best of our knowledge and providing the finding that we have obtained while researching.

Overall, Biblical studies is a very significant area of knowledge that concentrates on interpreting

the scriptures and other literary texts. The terminology also focuses on historical factors,

methodologies, and major Issues of the research process. Furthermore, it is considered a

Qualitative approach of researching that is geared towards interpreting the analytical of texts,

individual interaction, and communication. In other words, the Hermeneutical research process

must focus on four (4) significant elements or fundamentals during the commencement of the

research journey. These elements include:

(a) Developing an understanding of the history and cultural contexts

(b) Ensuring that students understand the contexts from a literary perspective

(3) Demonstrating the skill of observation

(4) Creating application

Creswell (2014) express that “The characteristics of qualitative research are given in detail. The

author suggests some tips of a qualitative research design and explains the researcher’s role in it.

Data collection procedures in qualitative research have been divided into four basic type -

qualitative observation, qualitative interviews, qualitative documents and qualitative audio and

visual materials. Qualitative data collection types, options, advantages and limitations have been

provided in a table that makes it easy to comprehend,"

So, the author is trying to highlight that there is a vast amount of reliable and valid qualitative

information that can be harness by a new Researcher. Therefore, students conducting Biblical

Hermeneutic Research must develop the knowledge of qualitative techniques. In addition, the

variety of research techniques that incorporates a distinguishable approach to the interpretation

of texts that are considered sacred. In addition, general hermeneutics was implemented to assist

researchers in understanding and interpreting texts and writing based on reading scholarly

Journals and principles that is applied during the application

Sage.com (2024) elaborated on the fact that “hermeneutics anticipates all communicative

encounters as (inter)cultural. Sometimes referred to as interpretive theory or cultural theory,

hermeneutics is a philosophical perspective and critical method initially derived from Western

and Continental philosophical traditions.” Moreover, traditional thinker believes that World of

the Almighty God is full of Truth and His revealed through His Word by the Inspiration of the

Righteous Spirit of our Father.

Bartleby.com (2024) outlined that “One of the key characteristics

of their approach to the Bible is it emphasized on the need to understand the nature of the

different types of literature within the Bible. However, traditionalist would not accept the

fundamentalist notion of inerrancy as many would acknowledge that there are mistakes in the

Bible. These are seen as a reflection of both the historical context in which they are written and

the human fallibility of the authors. As with Liberals, traditionalists believe that some aspects of

the Bible need to be reinterpreted today.” Perry, T. (2022) emphasized that, “Hermeneutics is

foundational to theological study. Whether or not they know it, every biblical reader interprets

the Bible through their own hermeneutic.”

However, an article written on Christian Scholarly.com by Bartholomew, C. (2016) clearly

implore student of Biblical Hermeneutics that, “Readers must not mine the Bible for academic or

therapeutic gold. Rather, Christian readers must listen humbly to God’s voice in scripture so they

can love learning that grows from desiring God” It is during listening to the voice of the

Commander in Chief that student will be able correctly proceed with the revelatory word that

they have received from within. I Corinthians 3:6-8 KJV that “I have planted, Apollos watered;

but YAH gives the increase. So then neither is he that planted anything, neither he that watered;

but YAH that giveth the increase. Now he that planted and he that watered are one: and every

man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

Therefore, my findings in light of those facts are: (1) The successful commencement and

conclusion of the Bible Hermeneutic Research process depends on the Inspiration of Almighty

God. (2) The scientific evaluation in Bible Studies must not take and cannot take precedent over

the instruction and direction of Adonai. Remember, it is Almighty God that creates all that we

have and are researching from. (3) So, each individual must first study to show themselves

approved according to II Timothy 2: 15 KJV (3)

In conclusion, the Biblical Hermeneutic Research process is simply implemented to assist those

have doubt about the genuineness of the Word of YAH. Like babes desiring milk that one day

will grow up from the scientific approach and start eating meat like those who have matured in

their relationship with Adonai. Finally, it will grant them the opportunity to come and taste and

see that the Holy one of Israel YAH is good.

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