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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 of 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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