



Bible Study Observation, And Interpretation

Again, our **METHOD** of **reading**, **searching**, and **study** must involve very precise **OBSERVATION**, which is absolutely necessary to accurate **INTERPRETATION!** The reader through **OBSERVATION** discovers what a passage says which enables the reader to make an accurate **INTERPRETATION**, the discovery of what a passage means. Both of these; **discovering what a passage says**, and **discovering what a passage means**, involves **understanding** or **comprehension**, and this is what the Psalmist prayed for (**Psalm 119:27**). In order to **understand** or **comprehend** there must be a **discovery of what a passage says**, and **what a passage means!** When these two things are discovered; **IT IS A FULFILLING EXPERIENCE!**

OBSERVATION



Discovery of **what a passage says**

INTERPRETATION



Discovery of **what a passage means**

The reader of the Bible must take great care **never to distort meaning**, and this necessitates **precise, careful, and persistent OBSERVATION** of:



WORDS
CLAUSES
PHRASES
STRUCTURE
CONTEXT
CONTENT

OBSERVATION is;

“the act of taking notice, beholding with attention, and focus; the act of seeing things as they are”

It is not just seeing but;

“being aware, grasping, and comprehending”

OBSERVATION ought to be **precise**, and with much **persistence!** Such will help prevent the reader from inserting their own **thinking**, **prejudices**, and **ideas** into a passage, thus **taking away**, or **adding to** what ***God*** is actually saying! **OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OBSERVE WHAT IS THERE, NOT TAKE AWAY FROM WHAT IS THERE, OR ADD IN WHAT IS NOT THERE!**

All Bible study should be an **exegesis**;

“a drawing out from the passage”

and such necessitates precise **OBSERVATION!** It is truly amazing how many people read the Bible without **OBSERVATION!** Being **oblivious** and **unobservant** when reading the **Word of God** is a habit, a bad habit, a learned habit, and likewise, meticulous **OBSERVATION** is a learned habit! **OBSERVATION** is **A SKILL AND WE NEED TO TRAIN OURSELVES IN THE SKILL OF OBSERVATION!** To **OBSERVE** is to **LOOK** and such can be in the form of a **glance**, a **skimming**, or it can be a detailed **examination** and **scrutinizing!**



AT THE **WHOLE** (the **overview**)
AT THE **PARTS** (the **framework**)
AT THE **DETAILS** (the **content**)

