

- The LDS church (Mormonism) has amassed the largest genealogical records in existence so that its members can participate in _____ for the dead. The basis for that strange practice is found in just one phrase in just one verse from **I Corinthians 15:29b**, "... *Why then are they baptized for the dead?*"
Question: Should we baptize for the dead as the Mormons do?

Notice some hermeneutical words that are used to interpret biblical texts: exegesis, eisegesis and narcigesis.

Exegesis means "a pulling _____, an extracting _____."
Exegesis is the desired process of someone extracting the meaning of a biblical text from the actual text itself.

Eisegesis means "a putting _____, an insertion _____." Eisegesis is the undesirable process of someone reading his particular bias or opinion into Scripture.
Reference: **John 11:43, 44** (see screen)

Narcigesis is the combination of _____ and _____. Narcigesis is where someone's ego causes him to interpret Scripture as if it were all about _____.

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Reference: **Nehemiah 8:1-8**

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Nehemiah called the inhabitants of Jerusalem together to listen to Ezra the scribe both read and teach from the Old Testament Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament also called the Torah). Then what happened in Jerusalem, from that point on was the result of the people's response to that reading of the Scriptures.

Nehemiah 8 describes three responses from the people:

Response One - There was an _____ of the Scriptures (**verses 1-8**).

Response Two - There was a _____ in the Scriptures (**verses 9-12**).

Response Three - There was an _____ to the Scriptures (**verses 13-18**).

verse eight (see screen)

It is absolutely essential that we understand what God has said. In reading Scripture the question we must answer is, "What did God _____ by what God _____?"

Reference: **Luke 24:44, 45** (see screen)

Reference: **Luke 24:27** (see screen)

The word "*expounded*" in the Greek language is from the root word "hermeneuo" meaning to _____ or to _____.

From this "hermeneuo," we have derived our modern word "hermeneutics." In a generic sense hermeneutics is the science of interpretation. Hermeneutics is the criterion that is used to interpret anything that constitutes literature.

Biblical hermeneutics is more specific. Biblical hermeneutics is the science of _____.

Let me mention the four basic models people use to understand the Bible:

Model One is the _____ - _____ model.

Proof-texting occurs when biblical reinforcement is needed to prove a point or establish a particular position and the interpreter is forced to find Scripture that would _____ that point and or position.

Model Two is the _____-_____ model.
This particular model determines what the text meant at the time it occurred in the historical record; but, the problem is, this model never goes past that and connects that interpretation to the _____.

Model Three is the _____-_____ model.
This model emphasizes the need for the interpreter to determine what the text means to _____.

Model Four is the _____-_____ model.
This model emphasizes an understanding of how words and phrases _____ to one another in a text (especially from a theological perspective).

If Scripture is sufficient for all our life issues, then it is essential that we understand the _____ of particular Scripture that is most applicable to our situation.

For instance:

- A Christian man lost his job during the recent economic recession of 2008-2009. **Romans 8:28** reads “*And we know that all things work together for good to those that love God...*”
This now unemployed man interpreted that phrase to mean that he lost his job in order that God might give him a better one; so, he turned down a number of lower or equal-paying job opportunities as he waited for that better job. In doing that, he remained unemployed for more than two years before he accepted another job. That time off created severe financial difficulties.
Question: Do you agree with his interpretation of that passage and his _____?
- **Proverbs 22:28** contains this commandment, “*Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.*”
Question: Does this verse mean...
 - a. Do not change from how we have always done something.
 - b. Do not steal.
 - c. Do not remove the guideposts that direct travelers from town to town.
 - d. _____ of the above
 - e. _____ of the above
- In **Matthew 5:22** Jesus said that someone that calls a brother a fool is in danger of hell-fire, and then, He proceeds to call the Pharisees fools Himself in **Matthew 23:17-19**.
Question: How do you explain this apparent _____?

- People in the positive confession movement believe that Christians should never experience illness and disease and base that argument in part on **III John 2a**. That verse reads “*Beloved, I pray that you (this was addressed to a man named Gaius) may prosper in all things and be in health...*”
Question: In using that phrase, did the author (John) mean that God guarantees us _____?
- Some believers use **Acts 4:32-35** as the basis for a form of communal Christian _____.
Question: Is that what this text is encouraging?
- A couple in serious marital conflict, comes to you for counseling about a certain matter. The husband is convinced he needs another car and wants to finance it since he doesn't have enough money to purchase it in cash. His wife, basing her argument on **Romans 13:8** where Paul said “*owe no one anything...*” believes it would be wrong to go into debt in order to purchase the car. The husband doesn't feel that particular verse is _____ to their situation and wants to know your opinion.
Question: What do you tell him?
- It has been stated that the Bible prophesies the use of _____ in **Jeremiah 10:3-4**.
Question: Is that a valid interpretation of this verse?
- Certain denominations use the 6th commandment that states “*you shall not murder*” (**Exodus 20:13**) as a justification for opposing _____.
Question: Do you agree and if not how would you explain that phrase?
- You're part of a Bible study discussion group where someone argues a point based on an Old Testament passage. Someone else responds, “But that's from the Old Testament, so it _____ to us as Christians in the New Testament”
Question: As the class discussion leader, how would you handle that situation?
- Pacifists have used a phrase from **Matthew 26:52** as an argument that Christians shouldn't participate in the _____. That verse reads “*But Jesus said to him (Peter) 'put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.'*”
Question: Is that a valid conclusion from this passage?