

How to Study Your Bible

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Introduction

- ◆ Foundational Principles
- ◆ Practical Considerations
- ◆ Demonstration
- ◆ Deconstruction & Analysis

Deconstruction & Analysis

Review

- ◆ 3 Styles

- ◆ Exegetical

- ◆ Topical

- ◆ Allegorical

- ◆ 3 Questions

- ◆ “What does it say?”

- ◆ “What does it mean?”

- ◆ “What does it mean to me?”

Approach?

- ▣ Exegetical?
- ▣ Topical?
- ▣ Allegorical?

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“Discipleship”

- ◆ Key Passages:
 - ◆ Matthew 28:19-20
 - ◆ Hebrews 12:5-11
 - ◆ John 15:1-8
 - ◆ Luke 14:25-33

“Discipleship”

- ◆ Matthew 28:19-20: “Make disciples”
- ◆ Hebrews 12:5-11: “Purpose of God’s discipline is to help us bear fruit”
- ◆ John 15:1-8: “Abiding in Christ leads to fruit-bearing, which is an evidence of discipleship”
- ◆ Luke 14:25-33: “Being Jesus’ disciple is worth all we have”

Hebrews 12:1-13

- ◆ **Observation (What does it say?)**
 - ◆ Author?
 - ◆ Audience?
 - ◆ Historical Context?
 - ◆ Read and ask questions.

Hebrews 12:1-13

◆ Observation (Outline)

- ◆ Vs. 1-2: Running a race
- ◆ Vs. 3-4: Striving against sin
- ◆ Vs. 5-11: Discipline of God's children
- ◆ Vs. 12-13: Strengthen the drooping hands, weak knees—we're running a race!

Hebrews 12:1-13

- ◆ **Observation (Other places?)**
- ◆ Does Paul speak of running a race elsewhere?
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- ◆ Determination, temperance, self-control, discipline!

Hebrews 12:1-13

- ◆ **Observation (Paraphrase)**
- ◆ To finish this race, we need to cast off our sins.
- ◆ We need to look to Jesus who is our example of how to resist sin.
- ◆ He resisted sin to the point of blood!
- ◆ Don't be dismayed when God disciplines us, it is evidence that we are His true children.
- ◆ Elsewhere Paul expounds on the discipline needed to win the race.

Hebrews 12:1-13

- ◆ **Interpretation (What does it mean?)**
- ◆ Look to Jesus in heaven, not for another Messiah or to the earthly temple. (Messiah's already come, Temple to be destroyed.)
- ◆ Cast off sins and weights in this race, and Jesus is the Example. (Weight of the ceremonial law.)
- ◆ Jesus had such discipline to resist sin even to the point of blood.
- ◆ Discipline is necessary to be a better runner in the spiritual race, because it helps us overcome sin. (Israel to be disciplined.)
- ◆ God disciplines as our earthly parents disciplines us to make us holy.

Hebrews 12:1-13

◆ Application (What does it mean to me?)

- ◆ Pluck up my courage and pick up my pace in this race! Stop being lazy!
 - ◆ Imagine we are running for a gold medal in the Olympics—the determination, the discipline needed.
- ◆ I can respond with confidence in spite of trials, suffering, and persecution by looking to Jesus, and remembering what He suffered for me.
 - ◆ Pain is only a stepping stone to greater things.
 - ◆ Meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-13

◆ Application (What does it mean to me?)

- ◆ Running this race with patience means enduring discipline and overcoming sin.
 - ◆ There is going to be ongoing effort required. Not a one-time exertion.
- ◆ Disciplining my children is to lead them to holiness and to bear fruits of righteousness.
 - ◆ My role as a parent in raising my child is informed by God's plan for us.

Prophetic Interpretation

- ◆ Revelation 3:14-22
 - ◆ Sight, Discipline, Overcoming, Sit with Jesus
- ◆ Hebrews 12:1-2; 5-6
 - ◆ Look to the finish line—Jesus on the throne!
- ◆ Hebrews 12 is relevant for Laodicea!

Summary & Conclusion

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- ◆ 10 Principles

- ◆ 3 Styles

- ◆ Exegetical

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- ◆ Allegorical

- ◆ 3 Questions

- ◆ Observation

- ◆ Interpretation

- ◆ Application

Conclusion

- ◆ **Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads...
and obey the Word, and not one of you will
be lost. [1SM 18.4]**