

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

What Does It Mean?

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Lesson 3

Interpretation (Psalm 119:34)

Our central quest is for meaning of the word. You see it is impossible to apply the word to God until we understand it. The better we understand, the better we can apply.

I. **Why interpretation?** Because we must overcome time and distance barriers between us and the biblical writers.

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II. **Pit falls to avoid**

A. Misreading the text

I Timothy 6:10 _____

John 14:6 _____

Psalm 37:4 _____

B. Distorting text _____

C. Contradicting the text _____

D. Relativism (I Corinthians 15) _____

III. Five keys to interpretation

1. Content _____

2. Context _____

3. Comparison _____

4. Culture _____

5. Consultations _____

Homework reading assignment: Read Psalm 1 each day