

The Inductive Bible Study: Application & Correlation

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OBJECTIVE



- Understand the basic principles of applying scriptures correctly and correlating truths to form a unified understanding of God



Lesson Outline

- Application
- Correlation
- Official Close of lesson
- Detailed Review of assignments, answering of questions and practical demonstration of the different steps

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About

Deshen School of the Spirit is a ministry arm of Patrick Oben Ministries Inc dedicated to equipping the saints with the Word of God and brining them into a living relationship with the Lord. The three keywords "deshen", "school" and "Spirit" capture the heart of our vision and mission:

- *Deshen* is an English Transilieration of the Hebrew word translated "fatness" in Psalms 36:8 "*They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.*" KJV). Deshen is rich spiritual food and drink, that "abundantly satisfies" the people of God. It is the Word of God, and notice how it makes us drink of the Spirit!
- *School* signifies a learning environment for being equipped with the Word and the Spirit. We believe accurate interpretation of the Word of God using sound hermeneutical principles should be the foundation for every doctrine or revelation. We take Biblical scholarship seriously and believe every believer can and should learn theologically sound methods for correct exegesis of the

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The Inductive process



OBSERVATION



INTERPRETATION



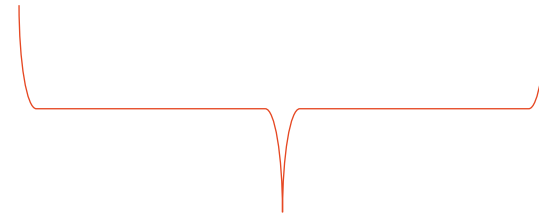
EVALUATION



APPLICATION



CORRELATION





Application

- It is the fourth phase of the Inductive Bible Study Process
- It comes after Evaluation of the Passage as Discussed last week



Importance of Application

- Application is the crucial phase of Bible Study
- It is the ultimate purpose of studying the scriptures
- Why did God give us His Word as the scriptures?

Ultimate Purpose of the Scriptures

- God gave us the scriptures to reveal Himself and His purposes for us and bring us to a living and dynamic experience of His Presence and Power
- Every Bible Study endeavor or reading the scriptures should
 - Bring you to encounter God: hear His voice, feel His presence, etc
 - Be filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Bring about a transformation of the heart
 - Empower you to break free from bondage or step into your blessings in Christ (apply it to circumstances in your life)
 - Etc

Ultimate Purpose Decidedly Personal

- God wants to relate with you first
- Then relate with us as a community
- Then use you to reach out to others
- Please: NEVER REVERSE THIS ORDER IN YOUR LIFE
- Every part is important, but there is an order of importance that should be respected
- The greatest sermons you can ever preach are those that grow naturally from your relationship or experience of God

Secondarily Purposes of the Bible Study

- Preach or Teach others
- Create systems of study to promote scholarship and furtherance of accurate learning and knowledge (Theology, Bible Scholarship, Bible Schools like Deshen!)
- Formulating doctrines
- Etc
- All of these have their place but SHOULD NEVER come FIRST in our life

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Important!



Evaluation

- The process of Evaluation can be viewed as the very first step of Application
- Evaluation specifically seeks to distinguish truths that are
 - Local and restricted to the original hearers or audience
 - General and universal and so applicable to you and the world today

Two Simple Steps of Application

1. Analysis of Contemporary Situation
2. Application proper

Analysis of Contemporary situation

- The fact that the truth is applicable to you does not mean it applies to all circumstances
- Every truth has its context of application
- Think of Jesus using the right scriptures against Satan during His temptation in Matt 4
- More practical than theoretical

Gold in Setting of Silver

- *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver."*
(Proverbs 25:11 ESV)
- The Truth = Apples of God!
- The correct Context or Situation of application: setting of silver!
- Remember: there is a Word for every season, circumstance and situation
- It is our responsibility to be sensitive to the Spirit enough to know what gold apple to put in the setting of silver!

Application Proper

- The most important question during Bible Study
How does this truth apply to me?
- Second questions similar: how does it apply to others
- This is where Rhema will flow into your heart
- You will be astonished how the Spirit will speak to you personally through the scriptures written for everyone

Applying Truths

- You analyze your contemporary situation and then determine how it means to you
- Honesty and openness of heart critical
- You may
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Two phases of Application

- There are two phases of Application proper
- They are Theoretical and Practical
- Theoretical: you are still reading or studying and you receive the truth in Jos 1:9 that you should be courageous.
- Mentally you receive the Word: understand, believe and surrender to obey it
- Often before any practical situation presents itself that requires you to display courage

Practical Application

- Putting the Word to practice
- In our Example: when a situation causes fear, you remember the Word and then act upon it
- Or you remember the Word not to forgive when someone offends you

Correlation

- Last phase of the Inductive Process
- Correlation is putting together the truth you have learned with the entire Bible and even extra-biblical facts
- Generalizations from the specifics you have studied
- Development of a Biblical Theology, Christian Philosophy of life etc

Assignment

- I want you to
 1. Use same scripture and go through the entire process
 2. Observation
 3. Interpretation
 4. Evaluation
 5. Application
 6. Write down all of your findings
 7. Send to me before Friday at patrick@patrickoben.com
 8. NB. Please ensure you send to this specific email address, otherwise it might get lost



Course Materials

- The PDF and Video will be uploaded to deshenschool.com Please visit <https://deshenschool.com>
- Create an account, enroll in the Course and you see all previous lessons with the videos and PDF
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OFFICIAL CLOSE OF LESSON!

- Time to demonstrate practically the entire process
- Review Assignments
- Review questions and difficulties



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