

Growth Institute: Biblical Hermeneutics

1/12/22 Introduction and Translations

You already know hermeneutics for life! Now you just need biblical hermeneutics.

Bible verses about understanding/studying the Bible (Ezra 7:10 and Nehemiah 8:8, 2 Peter 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:15)

Commitments of an Interpreter of Scripture (from Daniel Akin's Hermeneutics Class Notes):

1. Commitment to a high view of Scripture (Matt. 5:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)
2. Conviction of the Profitability of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:14-17)
3. Calling to Rightly Divide the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15)
4. Commitment to Applying the Scripture (James 1:22-25)
5. Willingness to be confined by the intention of the author (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

Why do we need Bible translations?

Schools of Thought for Translations:

Literal/formal:

Dynamic/Functional:

Paraphrases:

A Brief History of Translations with a Focus on English Translations:

Septuagint:

Vulgate:

Wycliffe:

Tyndale:

Coverdale Bible:

Geneva Bible:

KJV:

NASB:

NKJV:

Good rules for choosing a translation:

1. Find a translation that is in modern English and is understandable
2. Pick one that examines the best Hebrew and Greek texts
3. Pick one from that has a translation committee that has familiarity with the original culture/contexts and not just from an individual.
4. Pick one that fits your purpose.

Comparing Translations: See Handouts. Have them pick 3 and compare them for us. Can look at interlinear too.

Further Study: *Journey Into God's Word: Your Guide to Understanding and Applying the Bible* by Duvall and Hays—we are using this book and the longer version of it *Grasping God's Word* significantly. Consider purchasing *Journey Into God's Word*.

<https://www.danielakin.com/sermons/> Scroll to the Hermeneutics section for his class notes.

Review: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/translation-philosophy-three-views/>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-you-should-know-about-the-esv-bible/>

Prepare: <https://lifewayvoices.com/bible-theology/8-ways-to-better-understand-the-bible-when-it-seems-too-confusing/>