

Growth Institute: Old Testament – Law

Traditional Approach:

_____ - were defined as those that dealt with timeless truths regarding God's intention for human behavior.

_____ - were those describing aspects that we normally see in a country's legal system. These laws dealt with the courts, economics, land, crimes, and punishment.

_____ - were defined as those that dealt with sacrifices, festivals, and priestly activities.

Criticism: This approach is too _____ and too _____ to be a valid approach to interpreting Scripture.

Law: The Narrative Context

The Old Testament law is firmly embedded into the _____ of Israel's theological history. It is part of the _____ that runs from Genesis 12 - 2 Kings 25.

Law: The Covenant Context

The law is tightly intertwined with the Mosaic Covenant.

1. The Mosaic covenant is closely associated with Israel's _____ and _____ of the land.
2. The blessings from the Mosaic covenant are _____.
3. The Mosaic covenant is no longer a _____ covenant.
4. The Old Testament law as part of the Mosaic covenant is no longer _____ over us as law.
5. We must interpret the law through the grid of _____ teaching.

The Interpretive Journey: Leviticus 5:2-6

The _____ method for interpreting the law is to follow the _____.

Step 1: Grasp the text in their town. What did the text mean to the biblical audience? Grasp the text in their town by summarizing the original situation (historical-cultural context) and the meaning of the text for the biblical audience.

Step 2: Measure the width of the river to cross. What are the differences between the biblical audience and us? Measure the width of the river to cross. What are the differences between the biblical situation and our situation?

Step 3: Cross the principlizing bridge. What is the theological principle(s) in this text? List the theological principle communicated by the passage.

Step 4: Consult the biblical map. How does our theological principle(s) fit with the rest of the bible? *Does the New Testament teaching _____ or _____ this principle, and if so, how?*

Step 5: Grasp the text in our town. How should individual Christians today live out the theological principle(s)?

For Next Week: Read Isaiah 53

Resources For Going Further:

Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.

Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Journey Into God's Word*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008.