

WHAT'S GOING ON [WORKSHEET]



The goal of all biblical interpretation is to discover the timeless, moral principle being established (“What’s the point?” [WTP]). The reason every Christian should be striving to do this is because this is how gain or grow in our relationship w/God. We do it by discovering Who He is through the principles He has established in His Word (by discovering WTP?). The bible is God’s self-disclosure: the means to understanding Him – or getting to know Him, so that we will trust Him, obey Him – and be passionate about following Him). Learning how to interpret the bible is therefore not a hobby –or something that only those who like reading books or studying grammar and history do for fun. It is again, essential to every Christian to gain and grow in their relationship w/God. Hence the reason a person’s lack of trust (or obedience) to God is often (if not always) proportional to their neglect in attempting to discover WTP? (e.g. Mat 22:29 = Sadducees’ distrust/disobedience directly tied to their failure to “understand” WTP? when it came to Scripture – and in turn, “the power of God”). To discover WTP? (however), first requires the mental effort (and work) of understanding WGO? [“What’s going on?”]. The following represents what must be among our most basic considerations if we are to understand WGO?:

1. Who was the _____?
2. What was the _____ or their cultural biases?
3. How is the word/phrase being used in the _____ of the book?
4. How is this _____ used elsewhere that might give additional insight into its meaning?
5. Am I dealing w/an ancient _____?
6. Have I practiced attention to the _____?
7. Have I vetted my conclusions based on its _____?
8. Is this an _____ to something in the OT?