Exposing the Common Errors in Biblical Interpretation

A Skill of Sanctification Week 8

The Error of "Eisegesis:"

Reading Contemporary Definitions into the Text

REV 3:15-16 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.'

The Error of "Eisegesis"

Placing Unfounded Theological Grids Upon the Text

■ MAT 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

The Error of "Eisegesis":

Interpreting with Ulterior Motives

■ Romans 1:26-27 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Failure the Consider the Contexts: Historical Context

■ ROM 14:1-3

Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.

Failure to Consider the Contexts: Macro-Context

 Genesis 17:11 And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Word Study Fallacies:

Avoiding "Cemented" Word Meanings

- LUK 12:1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the *leaven* of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."
- LUK 13:21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."
- ROM 1:3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

The Error of "Parochialism"

■ Matthew 1:24-25

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

The Error of "Individualism"

- 1John 5:7-8 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.
- 1John 5:7-8 For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

The Error of "Apathy"

2Thessalonians 2:9-12

with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Next Week

Exploring the Beneficial Contemporary
Tools of Biblical Interpretation