



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 we 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 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?
9. Have I looked for \_\_\_\_\_ for additional information? (OT and NT)
10. I am familiar with the \_\_\_\_\_ (or how it works)?
11. Do I understand the \_\_\_\_\_?