

WEDNESDAY-CONTENT



Exegesis: What Does It Say?

Today's Objective:

To determine the contextual meaning of key terms and finalize your understanding of the passage, having interacted with scholarship.

Today's Goal:

To have written contextual didactic descriptions of important words, along with a draft of the exegetical idea of the passage.

Task 0. Continue your panoramic reading of the book.

Remember, there are few things that will keep the entire message in front of you better than continuing to soak in the message of the book as a whole.

Task 1. Determine the Contextual Meaning and Contribution of Key Terms.

Having determined which terms require further investigation, determine the meaning that best corresponds to the context of the passage and describe what that meaning contributes to the meaning of the sentence in which it appears.

To Do: For each key word ask: (1) What meanings can this word have? (2) What sense is most likely here? (3) What does that meaning contribute to the passage?

Task 2. Draft Didactic Descriptions.

For each word that may require additional work to present them well to your audience, write up your conclusions in a didactic, communicable format.

To Do: (1) Determine which words need special clarification, explanation, or illustration. (2) Consider how best to communicate that meaning to your audience. (3) Write.

Task 3. Refine Your Exegetical Decisions.

Having carried out your own exegetical work examining the context, structure, and content of your passage, contrast your conclusions with the best commentaries available to you, noting and refining your conclusions.

To do: (1) Verify your understanding of the details of the passage by consulting the experts. (2) Adjust your conclusions and descriptions as necessary.

Task 4. Write Up the Exegetical Idea.

Having finished all of the purely exegetical work, summarize your grasp of the passage in a few sentences that capture all the important ideas the author sought to communicate to his original audience.

To do: (1) Write up a comprehensive exegetical idea. (2) Check the accuracy of what you have written in light of the entire passage.