

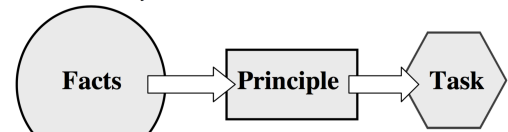


BIBLE STUDY METHODS

Part 016 - Observing God's Word - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

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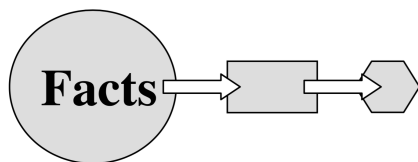
1. Observation **2. Interpretation** **3. Application**
What does it say? *What does it mean?* *What should I do?*



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I. OBSERVATION—WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

1. Observation
• *What Does It Say?*



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A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION

1. Belief

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A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION

1. Belief
2. Prayer

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A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION

1. Belief
2. Prayer
3. Readiness to Obey

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A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION

1. Belief
2. Prayer
3. Readiness to Obey
4. Self-examination

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A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION

1. Belief
2. Prayer
3. Readiness to Obey
4. Self-examination
5. Willingness to Learn

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- A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION
- B. TAKE ENOUGH TIME

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- A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION
- B. TAKE ENOUGH TIME
- C. LOOK AT THE CONTEXT

- What do the preceding and following verses talk about?
- What is the theme of the paragraph?
- What is the theme of the chapter?
- What is the purpose and theme of the book?
- Is the passage in the Old or New Testament and what does this mean?

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- A. PREPARE FOR OBSERVATION
- B. TAKE ENOUGH TIME
- C. LOOK AT THE CONTEXT
- D. EXAMINE THE STRUCTURE

Key words
Comparisons or contrasts
Progression of an idea
Verbs
Conjunctions
Illustrations
Kind of literature

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- 1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

A. Simile

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- 1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

- A. Simile
- B. Parable

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- 1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

- A. Simile
- B. Parable
- C. Metaphor

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- 1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

- A. Simile
- B. Parable
- C. Metaphor
- D. Allegory

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- 1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

- A. Simile
- B. Parable
- C. Metaphor
- D. Allegory
- E. Hyperbole

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1. KINDS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE BIBLE

- A. Simile
- B. Parable
- C. Metaphor
- D. Allegory
- E. Hyperbole
- F. Sarcasm

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HOW CAN WE KNOW?

- Does the passage state that it is figurative? ("Listen to another parable..." "The Kingdom of Heaven is like" Mt 21:33).
- Does the passage become absurd or impossible if it is interpreted literally? ("I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north... from the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land..." Jer 1:13-14).
- Does the passage describe God, who is Spirit, as if He had a physical body and other strictly human qualities? ("Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth..." Jer 1:9).

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2. KINDS OF LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

- A. History

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2. KINDS OF LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

- A. History
- B. Instruction

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2. KINDS OF LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

- A. History
- B. Instruction
- C. Prophecy

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2. KINDS OF LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

- A. History
- B. Instruction
- C. Prophecy
- D. Poetry

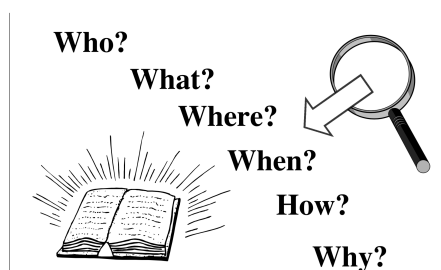
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2. KINDS OF LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

- A. History
- B. Instruction
- C. Prophecy
- D. Poetry
- E. Apocalypse

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KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS



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