

BITH507 HEBREW EXEGESIS

INTRODUCTION

God never promised to bless our words; He promised to bless His Word. It seems clear, therefore, that His Word should be the substance of our messages.

It is surprising to discover how little teaching and preaching today is both exegetical and expository. Exegetical exposition is a science and an art. One can study the skills and procedures and learn enough to do good, solid biblical interpretation and preaching; but for that extra quality of insight and depth there must also be a sensitivity to the literature, an instinct for the interpretation that cannot be taught by rules and guidelines--it must be developed by spending much time in the text.

In this study of the Book of Isaiah we will attempt to put the rules of interpretation and the methods of presentation into practice; to do this we shall focus on certain passages in more detail than others, but we shall spend enough time in all the passages to understand the message and catch the spirit of the prophet.

There are many ways to teach and preach in the Church. There are times for doctrinal messages, topical sermons, biographical studies, and surveys. But the most straightforward method of preaching and teaching--and the method that keeps the expositor closest to the text--is exegetical exposition, for it requires that the message be drawn from the passage as a whole, be interpreted within the context, harmonize with the rest of Scripture, and be accurate in its theological meaning for both the original setting as well as today. If the procedure is followed carefully there is less chance of reading ideas into the text, or of finding passages to fit a sermon idea already formed.

The following outline will survey the steps necessary for doing thorough exegetical and expositional preparations from the Bible. The class notes and the discussion throughout the course will be based on this method, but will not "walk" the student through every passage step by step. As you begin to do exegetical work, you will observe that many of the steps are actually done simultaneously, some are more important than others in various passages, and much of the work will get easier the more you do (especially since words and expressions that are studied once will come up again and again in the book).

Of course, the amount of training, study skills, theological background, and experience the student has will determine how quickly or how well he or she does exegetical exposition.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

Lesson 1 - The Method of Exegetical Exposition

Lesson 2 - The Study of the Book of Isaiah

Lesson 3 - The Outline of the Book

Lesson 4 - The Text of the Book of Isaiah

Lesson 5 - Higher Criticism of Isaiah

Lesson 6 - Lexical, Literary, Grammatical, and Historical Notes for the Exposition of The Book Of Judgment (Isaiah 1:1--35:10)

Lesson 7 - Lexical, Literary, Grammatical, and Historical Notes for the Exposition of The Book Of Hezekiah (Isaiah 36:1--39:8)

Lesson 8 - Lexical, Literary, Grammatical, and Historical Notes for the Exposition of The Book Of Comfort (Isaiah 40:1--66:24)

Lesson 9 - The Classification of the Figure of Speech

Lesson 10 - Sample of Exegetical Worksheets

Bibliography