

How to Read and Study Your Bible

Lesson 6 – October 16, 2011

Step 1: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

a. Read seriously and observe the text. What does the text say?

i. Words, Phrases, and Sentences

ii. Sentences, Paragraphs, Chapters, and Episodes

b. Break the passage into manageable parts.

i. Find the beginning and the end of the passage.

1) Major shifts in the topic of discussion

2) Shifts in audience

3) Shifts of other types, such as moving from describing what Jesus did to relating what he is teaching

4) Changes in key words and repeated themes

5) Transitional phrases

ii. Identify the Sections

iii. Identify the Phrases

iv. Identify the Main Phrase(s) and Modifying Phrases

1) Find the Beginning and End of the Passage

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

2) Identify the Sections

Salutation

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Salvation

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Salvation and Suffering

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

3) Identify the Phrases

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 to an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
- 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
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4) Identify the Main Phrase(s) and Modifying Phrases

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

- According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again
[1] to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 [2] to an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
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