

OLD TESTAMENT 1

Lesson: Hermeneutics - principles of interpretation

How to pick up a Bible and read it intelligently...

7 principles:

1. **Exegesis** - a critical method... **“Shelf” principle.**

2. **“Think Hebrew.”** Eastern (Hebraic)

Western (Greek) Cultures

3. **Limitation Principle...** The Bible is not interested in every question...

There is a limit, but not a limit to God! Lutheran confessions do not use the word “inerrant” when talking about the Bible...

4. **The Bible is a historical document.** It is written in history... **Contextual interpretation...**

5. **Literary Principle...** (Form/Source Criticism)

6. **The Lens** by which we see: **Justification by faith; Law and Gospel, the Word of God... (Jesus).**
The Bible is God’s Word because we meet the Word.

7. *Scriptura sui ipsius interpres* (**Scripture is its own interpreter**). Luther - the plain meaning of Scripture...

Questions...

Next week: Homework Assignment, Devotions, Time remaining - Genesis 1