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SESSION 5: INTERPRETATION LAB I

Class Overview

“Now these Jews [in Berea] were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.” (Acts 17:11–12).

"Raking is easy, but you get only leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds." John Piper, *Future Grace*, 387.

Theologian Grant Osborne (*The Hermeneutical Spiral*, 21-22) says that bible interpretation is:

- Science:
- Art:
- Spiritual act:

Class Schedule

- January 17: What is the Bible?
 - January 24: Genre Matters
 - January 31: Context is Key
 - February 7: Find Christ
 - February 14: Interpretation Lab 1: Old Testament
 - February 21: Interpretation Lab 2: Old Testament
 - February 28: Interpretation Lab 3: New Testament
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E. Parallelism: the heart of Hebrew poetry

1. Definition

2. Different types of correspondence
 - Examples:

F. Imagery: seeing the pictures

III. Psalm categories or genres

A. What is a psalm category or genre?

B. What are the different categories?

1. Hymn
 - Examples:

 2. Lament
 - Examples:
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3. Songs of Thanksgiving

- Examples:

4. Kingship songs

- Examples:

5. Wisdom Psalms

- Examples:

IV. The Psalm categories and Christ

A. Hymn

B. Lament

C. Songs of Thanksgiving

D. Kingship Songs

E. Wisdom Psalms

V. Interpretation Lab: Psalm 13
