

New Testament Exegesis:

Lecture # 4. The Open Problems of Grammar and Syntax (of course to fully understand this title you will need to be able to exegete the "of")

I. Introduction:

- A. Not everything is as easy as it seems
- B. Grammar and Syntax are not ends in themselves.
- C. Many men are excellent grammarians but poor theologians
- D. Why is this..how does it get this way?

II. Discussion

- A. There is a problem of integrity:
 1. The difficulty of description...when it is finally analyzed it will bring us to:
 2. Some enormous uncertainties:
 - a. The finality of results as we see them...
 - b. The value of comparative linguistics...
 - c. The meaning of statistics
 3. Which will lead us to some tentative observations:
 - a. Final teaching needs more specification in the broader sphere of theology.
 - b. Isolated application must be used with care.
- B. There is yet a larger problem...no matter how thoroughly grammar and syntax are scanned..they still do not interpret.
 1. Therefore we seek the historic past..
 - a. keys to history
 - b. sources for useful knowledge
 2. We plumb the depths of etymology and her kin.
 - a. keys
 - b. sources
 3. But, in particular we turn to hermeneutics:
 - a. General principles earlier cited.
 - b. Specific principles used in these areas:
 - (1) parable (and counterpart)
 - (2) prophecy: prediction
fulfillment
citation

(lecture to be continued)