**HERMENEUTICS**

**TEST FOUR**

1. T F The “new hermeneutic,” as it exists within churches of Christ, bears some affinity with the “New Hermeneutic” of Neo-orthodoxy, but more in terms of philosophical foundation than in actual particulars. [323]

2. T F The “new hermeneutic” is the result of simple Bible study and a search for truth. [323]

3. T F Advocates of the new hermeneutic allege the “old hermeneutic” has not been sensitive to the “form” of Scripture by which they argue inadequate attention has been given to the genre of literature found in the Bible. [324]

4. T F However, the definitive textbooks on hermeneutics within the churches of Christ by Dungan and Lokhart both note the peculiarities and characteristics of literary genre in biblical literature. [324]

5. T F It is also alleged biblical interpretation by churches of Christ has been adversely affected by insistence upon viewing the Bible as a blueprint. [325]

6. T F All that is meant by the use of the terms “blueprint” or “pattern” is that human beings are obligated to go to the Bible and learn what God wants them to know and practice. [327]

7. T F If the Bible is not a “pattern” in this sense, then the Bible is com­pletely irrelevant when it comes to how people choose to live. [327]

8. T F Advocates of a new hermeneutic say the old hermeneutic is ration­alistic, and too dependent upon human logic, reason and infer­ence. [327]

9. T F Nevertheless, their entire case rests upon what they conceive to be logical argumentation, deduction and implication. [327]

10. T F Fortunately there is much less confusion in the religious world over what the Bible says explicitly than over what it says implicitly. [328]

11. T F The Campbells were completely ignorant of this point. [328]

12. T F We are to reason correctly about the explicit statements of the Bible - not because of what Aristotle, Locke or Campbell said, but because of what God Himself said in Scripture. [329]

13. T F The new hermeneutic is rooted in subjectivity and relativism in its approach to the Bible. [330]

14. T F Members of churches of Christ in general have approached each book of the Bible with a “who, what, where, when, to whom and why” methodology. [332]

15. T F Dungan and Lockhart, as well as standard commentaries affiliated with churches of Christ, stress the importance of context - whether historical, lexical, syntactical, contextual or analogical. [332]

16. T F Advocates of the new hermeneutic say we must treat each biblical document separately without introducing passages from other books and contexts into the book we are trying to interpret. [332]

17. T F The fact first century Christians lived during a time when the New Testament was incomplete proves our need to approach the New Testament as if it were not a completed body of truth. [335]

18. T F Situated throughout the writings of those who promote the new hermeneutic is evidence they view the truth to be relative, subjec­tive and unattainable. [339]

19. T F Followers of the new hermeneutic speak glowingly of the assumption that all reasonable people can see the Bible alike. [339]

20. T F Truth, and man’s fundamental ability to apprehend truth are in a constant state of flux. [340]

21. T F The desire for a new hermeneutic reveals more about the hearts of men than about our ability to grasp God’s originally intended mean­ings. [340]

22. T F The new hermeneutic is an attempt to provide sophisticated sanc­tion to the human inclination to restructure religious belief to suit self. [340]

23. T F The new hermeneutic is nothing more than an attempt to do what one wants while maintaining a sense of religiosity. [341]

24. T F We have clearly reached a point where some have been educated beyond their intelligence. [341]

25. T F Humans reason in religion exactly like they reason in other areas. [343]

26. T F Advocates of a new hermeneutic give themselves credit for having the ability to operate sensibly and then turn around and imply that God, who created our minds, is incapa­ble of making His will known in an understandable fashion. [343]

27. T F God gave man written revelation knowing it was impossible to correctly understand. [343]

28. T F Those who contend that truth is relative, and that you must not insist that one position is right while another is wrong, are guilty of self- contradiction. [342]

29. T F Since Jesus is “God with us” we should not try to follow His ap­proach to interpreting the Bible. [344]

30. T F Jesus approached the Bible with the abiding conviction that it is the authoritative, absolute, prepositional, plenary and verbally inspired word of God. [352]

31. T F Jesus received and used the predictive elements of the Old Testa­ment, and acknowledged the credibility of the teaching and histori­cal sections too. [345]

32. T F Jesus’ quotation and acceptance of portions of Scripture disputed by liberals attest Jesus did view Scripture as inspired in all its parts. [346]

33. T F No one is a scholar unless he thinks and acts like the Lord. [348]

34. T F When Jesus was tempted by Satan in Matthew 4:1-11 His allusion to the behavior of the Israelites, His use of direct statements from Deuteronomy and His applications to the situation based on the implication of the passages all represent a method of interpreta­tion analogous to the one generally operative among churches of Christ. [351]

35. T F Honest people justly question Jesus’ consistent use of correct reasoning - logic. [351]

36. T F The Lord made extensive use of implication in His preaching and teaching. [351]

37. T F God inspires the interpretations of His faithful followers. [6]

38. T F The Bible is not a book to prove doctrines; it is the doctrine. [33]

39. T F Seeking distinction as a person of “leading thought” is productive in discovering truth. [37]

40. T F Seeking to harmonize the Bible with the latest scientific theories insures accurate exegesis. [38]

41. T F Bible believers never deny Christians are led, guided and strength­ened by the Spirit of God. [40]

42. T F God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all said to abide in the Christian. [41-43]

43. T F Those who assert the Holy Spirit acts in conversion and edification in some other way (in addition to the ministry of the word) are obli­gated to point to a passage, or passages, sustaining the assertion. [45]

44. T F It is not helpful to think you can receive the Spirit’s strengthening within, without taking the word of the Spirit into your heart. [45]

45. T F The Holy Spirit gave the word, dwells in it and imparts His spiritual blessings through it. [45]

46. T F All who accept the Bible as God’s word believe He provides for His people. [46]

47. T F We are strengthened as the Spirit “bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs.” [48]

48. T F When our spirits testify we are of the character the Holy Spirit says belongs to a Christian, then we have the testimony of the Holy Spirit bearing with our spirit that we are God’s children. [48]

49. T F If the Bible does not mean what it says there is no way to know what it does mean. [67]

50. T F For a man to make his reason the guide and standard of all truth is to say the reason of others is worthless and that he alone is the standard. [72]

51. T F The dogmatic method assumes a doctrine to be true and goes to work refusing to find anything else, even refusing anything else can be found. [76]

52. T F Liberalism is as dogmatic as the most orthodox creed. [76]

53. T F The inductive method sums up observations and experiments drawing conclusions warranted by the facts. [78]

54. T F When we observe an activity done with the approval of men under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are at liberty to do that same activity under similar circumstances. [82]

55. T F To know the meaning of any statement means we must discover what the writer was trying to say. [83]

56. T F No one can understand his duty without knowing what law he is under. [87]

57. T F Some of the differences between the covenant made with Israel and the covenant made by Christ are differences in priesthood, atonement, promises, place of worship and form of worship. [95-101]

58. T F Every mention of the kingdom after the day of Pentecost speaks of it as being in existence. [109]

59. T F The use of logical connectors (“as,” “so” or “like”) make the simile one of the easiest figures to identify. [193]

60. T F If you said to another, “You are like a beast” that would be simile; If you said, “You are a beast!” it would be a metaphor; but if you simply said, “Beast!” it would be hypocatastasis. [197]

61. T F Hyperbole is an intensification, and is not used with any intent to misrepresent the facts. [230]

62. T F Interrogation is used extensively in the Bible. [250]

63. T F Anthropomorphism is a figurative way of describing God in human form. [260]

64. Which of these types of literature is not found in the Bible? [294]

A. History

B. Biography

C. Law

D. Poetry

F. Comedy

65. One of the greatest dangers in dealing with parables is to try to make them: [171]

A. Walk on all fours.

B. Walk upright.

C. Sit down.

D. Not walk at all.

66. A question only seems to leave the decision up to the reader, but it is worded in such a way that only one answer is possible. [251]

67. The work of the exegete is to bring out the meaning the intended. [121]

68. We ought to treat the with at least as much respect as the words of men. [121]

69. The Bible, being the truth of God, must with itself. [125]

70. Light may be thrown on a difficult passage by comparing it with other statements of the writer on the . [125]

71. It can also be helpful to examine statements of other writers on the same subject who are of . [126]

72. All words are to be understood in their sense unless the evident meaning of the context forbids it. [128]

73. The writer’s explanation is the best . [132]

74. The literal meaning of a word is the meaning given it by those to whom it is

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75. causes the mind to part company with the author’s intent. [122]

76. (30) **KNOWING THE TEXT –** Go below to the Bible version you chose to study from

on your application. Fill in the blanks to complete those verses in that version.

IMPORTANT: Do not complete the other three versions!

**KING JAMES\***

Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **2**But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **3**And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and                                                   .

Psalm 12:6 The words of the Lord are                 : as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is        : he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **6**       thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a

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Ephesians 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more             , tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to           ; **15**But speaking the                      , may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove                ; hold fast that which is        .

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself              unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,                         the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by                 of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17**That the man of God may be           , thoroughly furnished unto all good         .

2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any

                            . **21**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were          by the Holy Ghost.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many                     are gone out into the         .

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Ephesians 4:14-15 That we should no longer be            , tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of              plotting, **15**but, speaking the                     , may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Test                ; hold fast what is        .

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself             to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed,                        the word of truth.

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2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any

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1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many                      have gone out into the

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**NEW AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION\*\*\***

Psalm 1:1-3 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! **2**But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. **3**He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in                         ,                 .

Psalm 12:6 The words of the Lord are                 ; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

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           , equipped for every good        .

2 Peter 1:20-21 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one’s                         , **21**for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men          by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many                      have gone out into the         .

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                   ,                 .

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