

Where are we going?

Part 1 – Inspiration and Authority

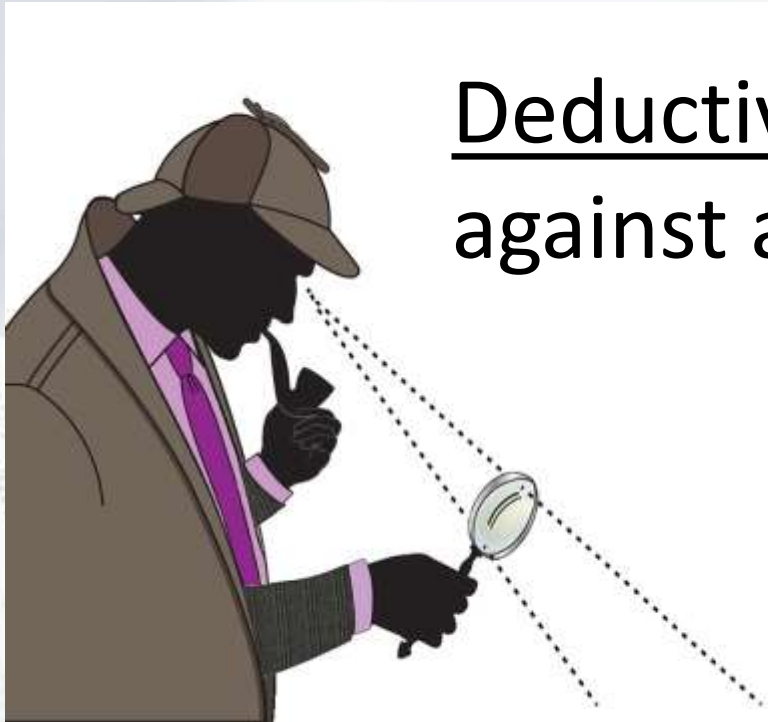
Part 2 – Concepts and Definitions

Part 3 – Basic Bible Study Process

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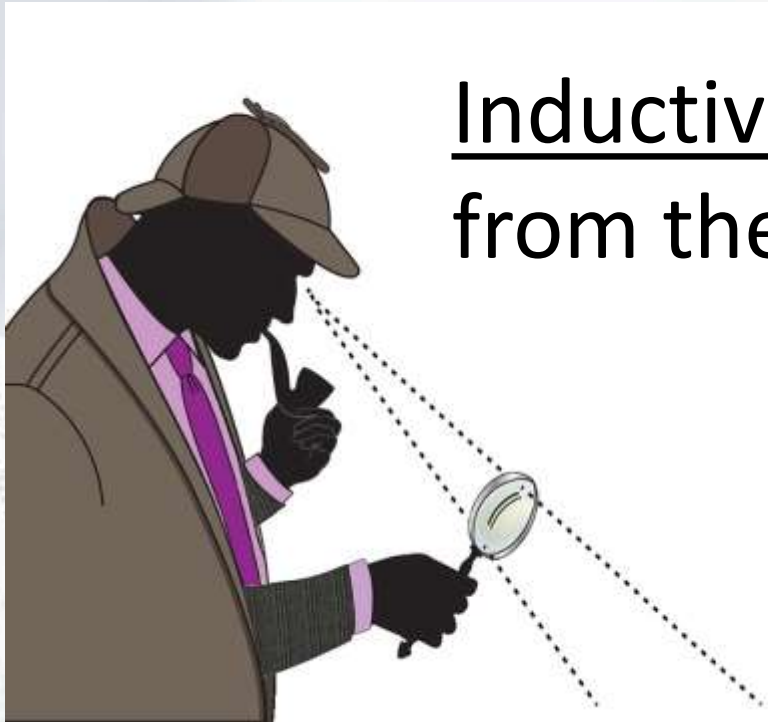
Two ways to approach the text



Deductive study - conclusions are tested against a preexisting theory or hypothesis

Presuppositions- something assumed to be true beforehand, taken for granted

Two ways to approach the text



Inductive study - conclusions are drawn from the observations

Exegesis - “to draw out, explain”; the process of studying individual parts to explain the whole

Key concept



Hermeneutics – the science and art of interpretation

- It is a **science** because there are rules to follow and apply
- It is an **art** because it takes practice and skill to apply those rules well

Hermeneutic methods

Allegorize / Spiritualize

- There must be a hidden meaning that we have to uncover
- This does not make sense so I have to fix it

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in a snowy, mountainous landscape. The aurora displays vibrant green and blue-green hues against a dark, starry night sky. The foreground shows a rugged, snow-covered terrain with dark rocks and patches of snow. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
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Hermeneutic methods

Dogmatic

- This is what I've always been taught
- This is what our church believes

Hermeneutic methods

Personal / Theological

- This is what I think it means
- This is what it means to me
- This is what I want it to mean

Hermeneutic methods

Literal-Grammatical-Historical (LGH)

- Literal – the plain, normal meaning of the words
- Grammatical – the rules of the original languages
- Historical – how the original audience understood it in their time and culture

Natural conclusions of the LGH method

A recognition of cumulative revelation

A normative dispensational conclusion

A clear distinction between Israel and the Church

The awareness that God's glory is central to everything

A submission to the authority of Scripture

Natural conclusions of the LGH method

A recognition of cumulative revelation

- Revelation builds on itself; interpretation requires all the relevant data
- Newer revelation is based on older revelation
- Newer revelation never changes the truth or meaning of the older revelation

Natural conclusions of the LGH method

A normative dispensational conclusion

A clear distinction between Israel and the Church

- God has worked differently with different groups and people over time
- The rules/promises for one person/group are not necessarily the same for everyone, whether at the same point in history or at other times

Natural conclusions of the LGH method

The awareness that God's glory is central to everything

- God acts for his own name and his own sake (Isaiah 48:11)
- He expects us to do the same thing (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Even salvation is about the glory of God (Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14)

*. . . **to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:6)*

*. . . so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be **to the praise of his glory**. (Ephesians 1:12)*

*. . . who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory**.
(Ephesians 1:14)*

What is the Bible?

The Bible is God's authoritative self-revelation to humanity

- It is God's Word
- It carries God's authority
- It is true and it is truth

**This should lead us to a complete submission
to the authority of Scripture**

Challenge

The LGH method is the only way to study and interpret the Bible so that it stands with God's authority and meaning.

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