

5-3-1 Assignment Chapter 7

Questions

1. What are some of the ways Christians have viewed the Bible to resolve moral dilemmas?
2. What are hermeneutical issues that arise when using the Bible to resolve moral dilemmas?
3. Why is it important for the hermeneutical task to utilize the biblical task well?
4. How is the Old Testament linked to progressive revelation with the New Testament?
5. Why must Christian exegete Scripture passages in light of the whole Bible?

Answers

1. Some have seen the Bible as 1) a book of moral codes or an ethics textbook, 2) distantly relevant to address modern problems and 3) the inspired Word of God that transcends time and culture and is relevant to address today's issues.
2. Some issues that arise are 1) the Bible does not address many contemporary issues, 2) issues in Scripture do not mirror the issues of today, 3) making the particularity of the Bible universal and 4) there are multiple biblical principles to address certain issues.
3. To produce a legitimate application and to connect the issue to the metanarrative of the Bible.
4. The OT sets up the biblical narrative and impetus for the NT; which is the continued unfolding of God's plan that finds its apex at Jesus' death and resurrection.
5. With an understanding the Scripture interprets Scripture, one must not take passages out of context in such a way that they would be interpreted in a way that would be inconsistent with other Scripture.

Terms

1. hermeneutic – a method of biblical interpretation
2. metaphysics – the study of the very nature of reality
3. *lex talionis* – where the punishment resembles the offence

Summary

In this chapter, Hollinger introduces and expounds on how Christians utilize the Bible in responding to moral dilemmas. From the understanding that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, Christians have encountered various hermeneutical issues of how the Bible should be interpreted in today's modern world. Even though the Bible was written to particular people in a particular time, the Bible is still relevant to address with legitimacy today's issues. The Bible is very important to Christians as they seek to live ethically in the world.