

How to “Break Down” a Scripture - Part 4

- I. **Look for what the passage is actually saying rather than what you would like for it to say.**
 1. Do not study with a hope of confirming or proving already drawn conclusions.
 2. In studying the Old Testament, ask yourself this all important question: “What can I learn from this passage that will help me be a better New Testament Christian this side of the cross?”
 3. Write down the ideas that come to you from the passage.
 4. Be open to other passages, Bible stories, etc. that some of those thoughts may lead you to.
 5. Take sufficient time to reflect on the passage. A hurried mind and a hurried schedule will leave much of the passage behind.

- J. **Determine what you can learn from the passage that will:**
 1. Help you grow spiritually by increasing your knowledge.
 2. Enable you to be able to share with others in order to help them.

