



Lent Day 31, March 23, 2012 Interpretation

*Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*

Yesterday we looked at the first part of inductive Bible study, [observation](#). Today we'll look at the second part called interpretation. As we learned yesterday, observation helps us to come to an accurate understanding of what God's Word says. Interpretation delves a little deeper than that and helps us understand what God's Word means. We'll again look to [Precept Ministries International](#) for guidance on understanding interpretation. There are also several other inductive study approaches to use as well. Just Google "inductive Bible study," and you will find several.

Interpretation

As I don't want to violate the copyright of Precept Ministries, please use the above link to open up the Precept page and click on the sample pdf. You will find a full explanation of interpretation and how to begin practicing it in your own Bible studies.

Application: Are you ready to put into practice what you have been learning about observation and interpretation? Pick a passage of scripture and read it through, using steps 1 - 5 of interpretation. Record what you learn in the margin of your Bible or in a notebook so that you are able to remember what you are learning and build up your base of Bible knowledge.

Prayer: Lord,
I pray for wisdom and discernment to rightly interpret Your Word as I study. Keep me from wrong conclusions, I pray. Amen.