

# Hermeneutics

## Sixth Principle

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### Get the Whole Counsel of God

- I. Do you want someone to take only part of what you say, or do you want him to consider all that you say?
  - A. Why would we treat God's word differently?
  - B. We must consider how a passage fits into the entire narrative of God's story.
    1. Jos 8.34–35
    2. Psa 119.160
    3. Jer 26.2
    4. Acts 20.26–27
  - C. Notice how Jesus reasoned in Matthew 4.1–11.
    1. See how Satan also quoted Scripture back to Jesus.
    2. What did Jesus say to Satan's quotation of Scripture?
      - a) Did Satan misuse or pervert the text he quoted?
      - b) Did he seek to make an application that God never intended?
      - c) Did Satan's quotation contradict any other passages?
        - (1) This is not Scripture against Scripture.
        - (2) This is seeing Scripture with the light of other Scripture.
- II. Many generations of the best legal minds determined that testimony should be: "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."
  - A. Do you think this is a good way to operate with the Scriptures?
  - B. What is wrong with only taking part of the truth?
- III. For example, consider how people use Matthew 7.1.
  - A. They do not consider John 7.24.
  - B. They do not consider the context, which will be the next principle.