

LightHouse Ranch Biblical Hermeneutics 101

Worksheet Lesson 6 - The Language of the KJV Has Qualities of a Legal Document

1. To what term does the Bible refer to itself in Psalm 119:1?

2. To what term does the Bible refer to itself in Romans 8:27

3. To what term does the Bible refer to itself in Galatians 3:2?

4. To what term does the Bible refer to itself in James 1:25, James 2:12, James 2:12, James 2:8?

5. What quality is it that a legal document must have so cases can be treated consistently and fairly?

6. Why do those that write law have to look beyond the needs of immediate comprehension?

7. What is the proper use of the words "shall" and "will" in formal writing and British English used world-wide?

8. What is the "formula" of the 'speakers' belief regarding future action or state of being?

9. What is the "formula" of the 'speakers' determination or his consent?

10. Can you state the examples of the use of "shall" and "will" in your text?

11. In legal documents, the helping verbs such as 'shall', 'may', or 'must', distinguish between 'obligation' and 'discretion'. Do the newer versions contain such precise legal language?

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12. Is the language of the KJV archaic English that is not understandable today?

13. To what does the term “speaker” refer when studying literature (Especially important with poetry)?

14. Can you explain what 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person means in sentences of prose or poetry?

1st Person: _____

2nd Person: _____

3rd Person: _____

15. Since the language of the KJV was never common street language, of what is it a combination?

16. The KJV’s use of thee’s and thou’s is very precise and useful. Can you explain how it aids interpretation?

17. Can you explain how the use of ‘thee’ and ‘ye’ in John 3:7 aids in interpretation?

18. Does the NKJV “miss” the meaning with the use of ‘you’? How?

19. In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus, in talking to Peter uses the pronoun ‘you’ in verse 31, and then in verse 32, Jesus uses the word ‘thee’. How do you interpret these verses?

20. Can you explain why no footnotes are needed in the KJV? Please use the NIV's footnote mentioned in the text on Luke 22:31-32 in your answer.

21. Can you interpret Exodus 4:15 in light of the Lord's precise use of 'thou', 'thy', and 'you' ?

22. Please interpret the following verse in light of the underlined pronouns.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

Luke 17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

Luke 17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

Luke 17:25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

23. Please interpret the following verse in light of the underlined pronouns.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

James 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

James 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24. Please interpret the following verse in light of the underlined pronouns. (Make sure and consult context from verse 1)

Numbers 16:8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

Numbers 16:9 Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

Numbers 16:10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

Numbers 16:11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

25. Please interpret the following verse in light of the underlined pronouns. (Explanation Cross

Reference: Numbers 25:1-9)

Deuteronomy 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

Deuteronomy 4:4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive every one of you this day.
