

Script_Module10 The Aim or Objective

My Precious One, you have done well my friend. You have completed your details column, the questions that have come to mind, and you have now read the many commentaries, checked out the NET Bible Study Environment as well as other online Bible Study tools. You have in your mind several ideas that are pulling the strings of your heart courtesy of the Holy Spirit. You can see already, even though you are not finished with your worksheet, that He who has begun a good work in you desires to complete it.

As part of our study we need to determine what the aims or objectives will be for us as well as any student. Thus we need to consider what the scripture is teaching us intellectually, factually as well as what the heart is saying for you to do. So these three components overlap in many ways. The original authors wrote to a specific audience. Based upon what you learned about the time, the politics in that time, the geographical location, the religious establishment, what have you surmised was the original intent of the author?

For example, in the book of Ezekiel the Divine Mentor, God, used Ezekiel to prophesy to the exiles in Babylon. Ezekiel as a wise mentor knows that his listeners are in need of a word of hope when they receive the news from a Jerusalem fugitive that the city has been destroyed. In Ch. 34 Ezekiel gives that word to his listeners in a soliloquy. As the exiles sat around, their thoughts began to swirl: I am a person without a city, without a country, without a family, without a future. What is left? Are we left to wander aimlessly?

The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel: My flock needs a word of hope. Tell them: I will deliver you for you are my flock. I will be your God and when the land blossoms you will know that my word is true and you will know that I am the Lord; I will be with you for you are my people. Thus the people then needed to know that their objective or aim was to remain hopeful, remain steadfast, and to look for the restoration of the nation.

Later in the first century, Jesus appeared on the scene. He walked and talked among the people. Later, the Apostle John wrote some of what Jesus had told them. Ex: Jesus said “My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.” [Jn 10:27-29]

Today we have people wandering aimlessly and they are in need of hope. One of our aims then from this passage in Ezekiel and in John is God gives hope to the hopeless.

Head: Know that the Lord is in charge, He gives hope to the hopeless

Heart: Know that once saved always saved, no one can snatch you from Jesus

Hands: Today decide to offer hope to someone.

Now using your passage in Matthew or Titus since you have been working on both, consider what the aims were for the time it was written and for our time now. Think about yourself and then think about the ones with whom you will share this passage.