Again, our **METHOD** of **reading**, **searching**, and **study** must involve very precise **OBSERVATION**, which is absolutely necessary to accurate **INTERPRETATION**! The reader through **OBSERVATION** discovers **what a passage says** which enables the reader to make an accurate **INTERPRETATION**, the discovery of **what a passage means**. Both of these; discovering what a passage says, and discovering what a passage means, involves **understanding** or **comprehension**, and this is what the Psalmist prayed for (**Psalm 119:27**). In order to **understand** or **comprehend** there must be a **discovery of what a passage says, and what a passage means**! When these two things are discovered; **IT IS A FULFILLING EXPERIENCE!**

**OBSERVATION**

- **WORDS**
- **CLAUSES**
- **PHRASES**
- **STRUCTURE**
- **CONTEXT**
- **CONTENT**

**OBSERVATION** is;

> “the act of taking notice, beholding with attention, and focus; the act of seeing things as they are”

It is not just seeing but;

> “being aware, grasping, and comprehending”
**OBSERVATION** ought to be **precise**, and with much **persistence**! Such will help prevent the reader from inserting their own thinking, prejudices, and ideas into a passage, thus **taking away**, or **adding to** what **God** is actually saying! **OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OBSERVE** WHAT IS THERE, NOT TAKE AWAY FROM WHAT IS THERE, OR ADD IN WHAT IS NOT THERE!

All Bible study should be an **exegesis**;

> “a drawing out from the passage”

and such necessitates precise **OBSERVATION**! It is truly amazing how many people read the Bible without **OBSERVATION**! Being oblivious and unobservant when reading the **Word of God** is a habit, a bad habit, a learned habit, and likewise, meticulous **OBSERVATION** is a learned habit! **OBSERVATION is a skill and we need to train ourselves in the skill of observation!** To **OBSERVE** is to **LOOK** and such can be in the form of a **glance**, a **skimming**, or it can be a detailed **examination and scrutinizing**!

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**LOOK!**

**AT THE WHOLE** (the overview)
**AT THE PARTS** (the framework)
**AT THE DETAILS** (the content)