

Week 3: Textual Analysis

1. Analysing paragraphs Davids 44-51

- **Basic unit of thought**
- **Logical flow and order**
 - *E.g. Romans 1-2 in modern argument order:*
 - There is a God, which we can plainly see from his creation.
 - There is such a thing as sin, which we admit when we ourselves deem certain kinds of behaviour appalling.
 - We judge this behaviour unacceptable whether or not we have learnt to do so from the law of Moses.
 - That's not to say that our idea of sin and God's are the same, because we actively suppress the truth and sometimes approve of behaviour we shouldn't.
 - Indeed, God turns us over to perversion if we persist in denying his truth and his authority.
 - There is such a thing as righteous judgement against evil.
 - The fact that we ourselves pass a negative verdict on any appalling behaviour confirms this.
 - God is therefore entirely right and justified in judging us, because
 - All of us are sinners by his standards.
- **Literary devices**
- **Grammatical tools**

2. Analysing words Davids 52-70

- **Meaning only in a sentence**
- **Clues from text**
- **Clues from author's other works**
- **Clues from other works of the time**
- **Reference materials**

Christian books and resources:

*Wesley-Owen Bookshops in London (Wigmore Street, Ecclestone St.)
www.wesleyowen.com*

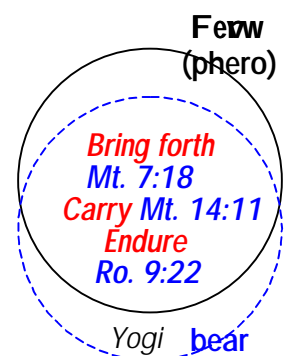
www.christianbooks.com

*www.amazon.co.uk
(esp. Zshops (2nd hand))*

*www.ebay.com
(2nd hand auction site)*

www.fullerseminarybookstore.com

'Semantic field'



3. **Word-study fallacies**

Dauids 52-70; *Exegetical Fallacies*, 2d ed., Paternoster (D.A. Carson)

- **Semantic anachronism**
'The Oxford English Dictionary says'
- **Semantic obsolescence**
'My grandmother used to call this'
- **Link of language and mentality**
'The Greeks didn't have a word for this'
- **Argument from silence**
'What he didn't say'
- **Totality transfer**
'All things to all people'
- **False assumptions about technical meanings**
'Keep it complicated'
- **Overprecision**
'What he meant to say'

Word study reference materials:

*Bible concordance, incl. on-line bibles
bible.gospelcom.net
bible.crosswalk.com*

*Lexicon - Greek/Hebrew word concordances
incl. bible.crosswalk.com*

Bible dictionary - New Bible Dictionary, 3d ed., IVP (Marshall, Millard, Packer, Wiseman)

Word-study books - Vine's Expository Dictionary of NT Words; New International Dictionary of NT Theology, Paternoster (Colin Brown)