

A scenic view of a river flowing through a forest with autumn foliage. The river is in the foreground, with rocks and rapids. The background shows a dense forest of trees with some yellow and orange leaves, suggesting autumn. The sky is overcast.

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of Bible translations.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“ILLUMINATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION”

PART VIII

Is. 40:8

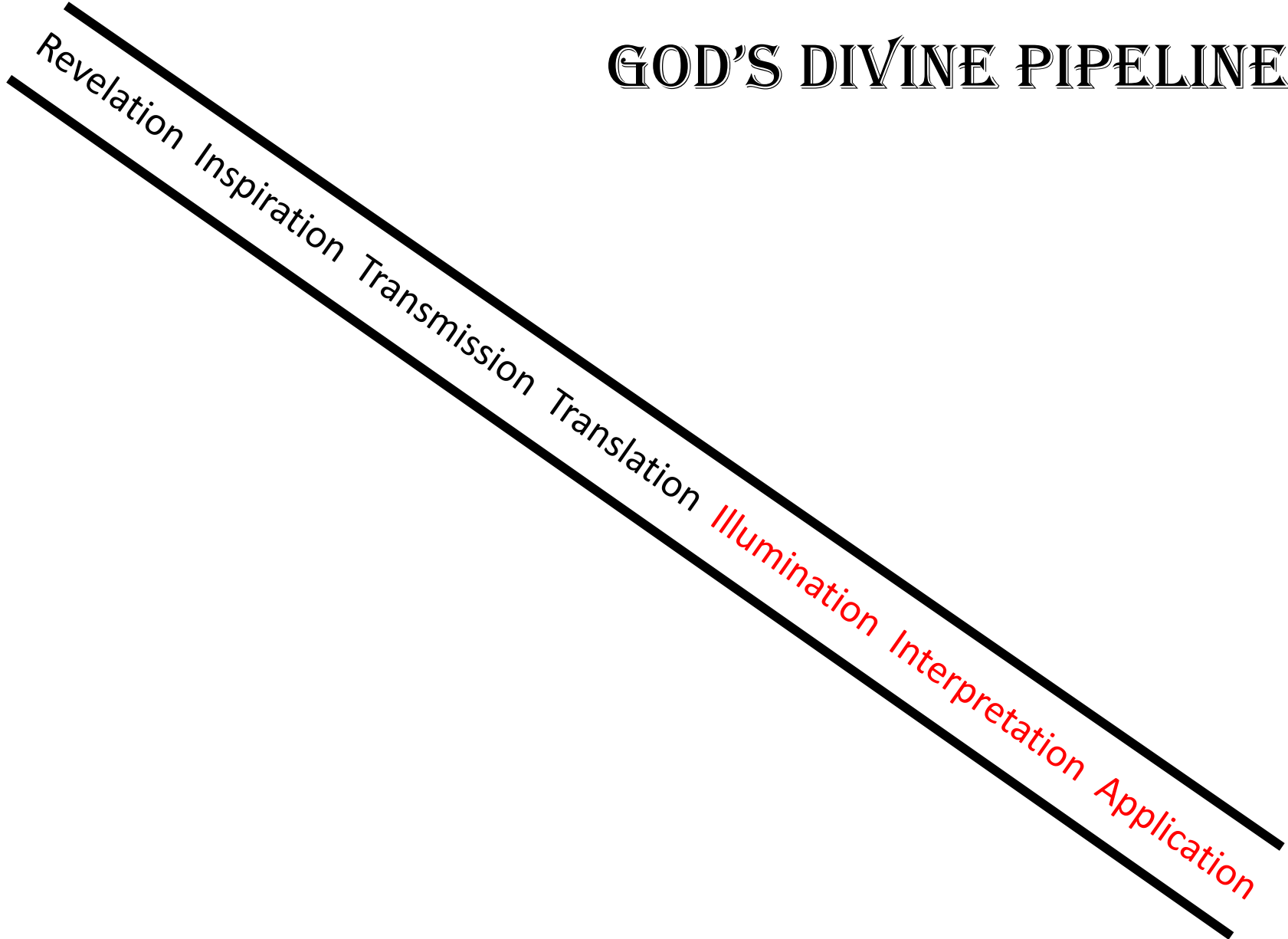
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Isa 40:8

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

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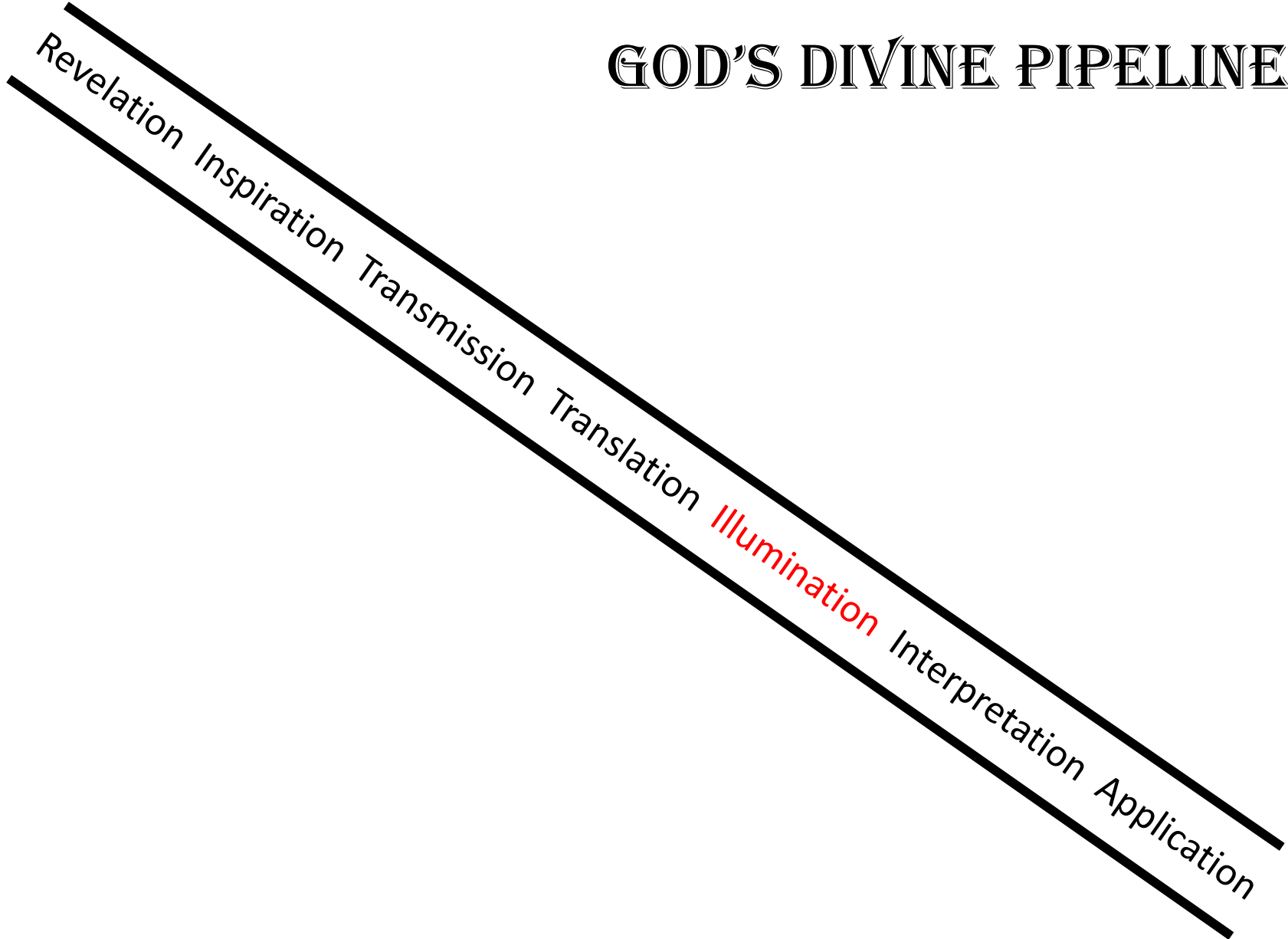
I. The King James Only Controversy.

II. The Wycliffe Bible Translators Controversy.

III. The problem of untranslatable words in the receptor language.

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Illumination

The work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in helping the believer understand the Word of God as he/she studies it.

Ministries of the Holy Spirit:

1. Convicting (Jn. 16:8-11)
2. Regenerating (Jn. 3:5-8)
3. Baptizing (I Cor. 12:13)
4. Sealing (Eph. 1:13; 4:30)
- 5. Illuminating/Teaching (Jn. 14:13; 1 Cor. 2:13)**
6. Gifting (I Cor. 12:4-11)
7. Assuring (Rom. 8:16)
8. Praying (Rom. 8:26)
9. Producing (Gal. 5:22)
10. Controlling (Eph. 5:18)
11. Leading (Rom. 8:14)
12. Empowering Acts. 1:8; 4:31)

- It is not magical.
- It is not mystical.
- It is not total.
- It is for believers.
- It is supernatural.
- It is the Spirit speaking through the Word.

The Spirit Will Teach/Illumine You At Your Level Of Spiritual Maturity

Levels of Spiritual Growth

1. Baby - nhpios (1 Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12-14)
2. Toddler – paidion - –1 Jn. 2:13)
3. Young Man – neoniskos –1 Jn. 2:13)
4. Father – pater (1 Jn. 2:13)

Ps 119:18

8 Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.

Ps 19:8

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

John 14:13

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:13-14

13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

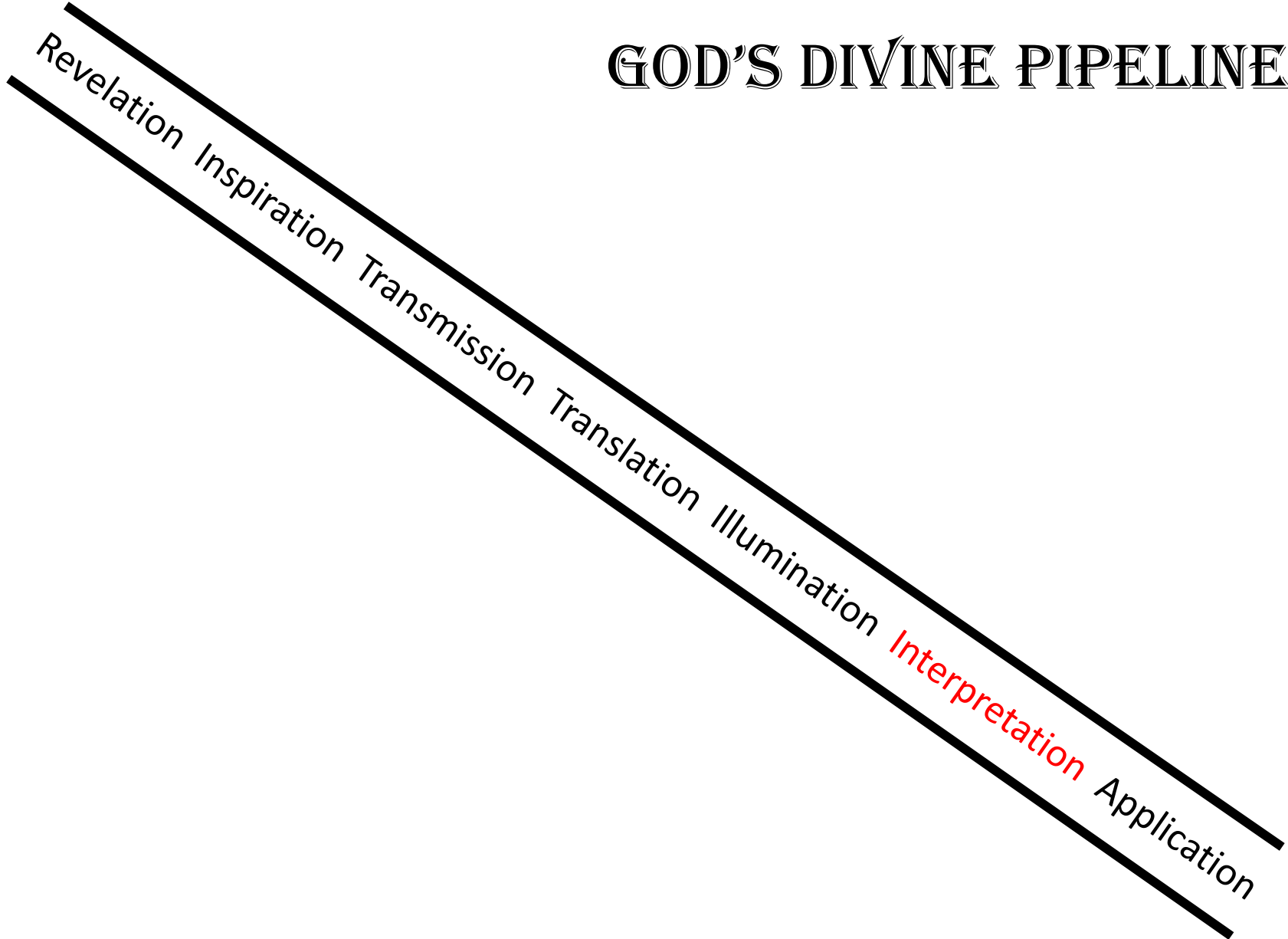
Eph 1:18-19

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

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Interpretation

- *The task of “study”.*
- Understanding how the Bible was given – words, places, people, time which in turn form a hedge to keep the believer from straying from a correct and accurate interpretation. From that understanding, forming principles to apply to any text of Scripture.
- Applying the principles of interpretation with the goal of understanding what God meant by what He said.
- This is “preparing the meal”. It is the disciplined, hard work, following the recipes, needed to prove oneself “approved unto God”.

2 Tim 2:15

15 Be diligent (study) to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

The 6 Major Principles of Interpretation

I. The principle of **LITERAL** interpretation.

"Understanding the meaning of a sentence in its usual, ordinary, or normal way it is used in writing or conversation."

Rev 20:4

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**.

Isa 55:12

12 "For you will go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The **mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy** before you,
And all the **trees of the field will clap their hands**.

II. The principle of **GRAMMATICAL** interpretation.

"Paying close attention to the words of a sentence - meaning, order, syntax, parts of speech, action of the verbs, are all investigated to determine what is meant by what is said."

Eph 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is **dissipation**, but be **filled** with the Spirit,

1 Cor 13:8

8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they **will be done away**; if there are tongues, they **will cease**; if there is knowledge, it **will be done away**.

III. The principle of **HISTORICAL** interpretation.

"Studying the history of a particular setting in the Bible - a city, nation, race, country, kingdom, etc."

Jonah 1:1-2

- 1 The word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of **Amittai** saying,
- 2 "Arise, go to **Nineveh** the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me."

1 Cor 1:1-2

- 1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and **Sosthenes** our brother,
- 2 To the church of God which is at **Corinth**,

IV. The principle of **CULTURAL** interpretation.

"Understanding the culture of the day in which the Bible was written – customs, traditions, dress, food, manners, entertainment, marriage, family, occupations, etc."

1 Cor 11:4-10

- 4 Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head.
- 5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved.
- 6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head.
- 7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.
- 8 For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man;
- 9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.
- 10 Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

V. The principle of **GEOGRAPHICAL** interpretation.

"Studying atlases, maps, etc. to determine where a particular event or span of time took place - the climate, temperature, terrain, distance, etc."

Jonah 1:3

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to **Tarshish** from the presence of the Lord. So he went down to **Joppa**, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

Rev 3:15

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither **cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.**

16 'So because you are **lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

VI. The principle of **CONTEXTUAL** interpretation.

"Paying close attention to the material surrounding a passage of Scripture, both before and after. Immediate, chapter, book, O.T. or N.T. all are critical considerations as they will have great bearing on the meaning of a given word, sentence and/or passage."

Matt 18:15-20

- 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.
- 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
- 18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.
- 19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.
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Rev 3:20

20 'Behold, **I stand at the door** and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

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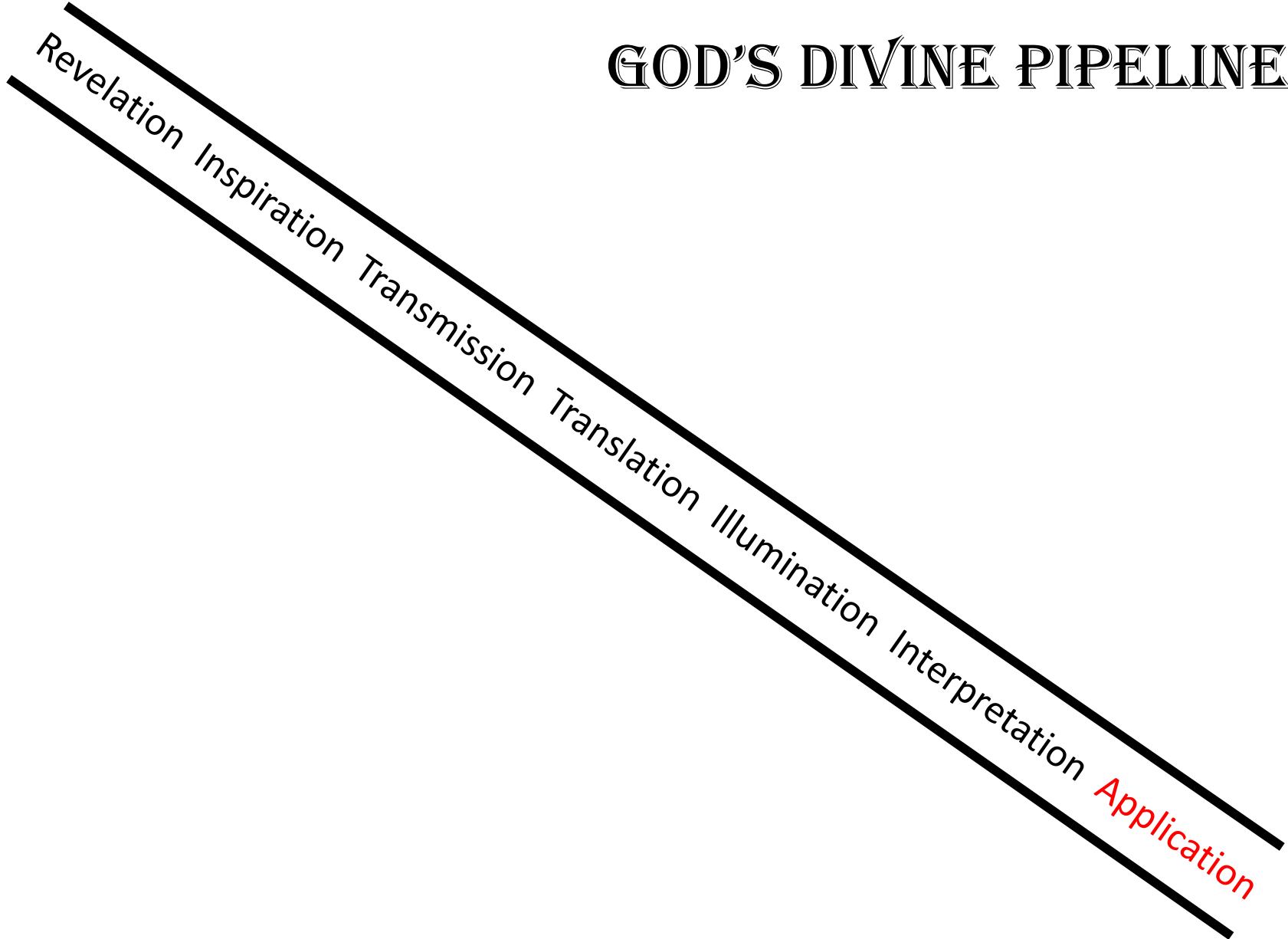
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Application

Definition of Biblical Meditation.

Meditation is to "think long and deeply" on truth. It is to bring back up or recall to the mind something that was previously studied or learned. It is to dwell on, to hover over, to analyze. It can be a word, a subject, a verse, a passage, or a principle from Scripture. The goal is assimilation into the fabric of one's life.

Psalm 1:1-3

1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

The Hebrew word "hagah".

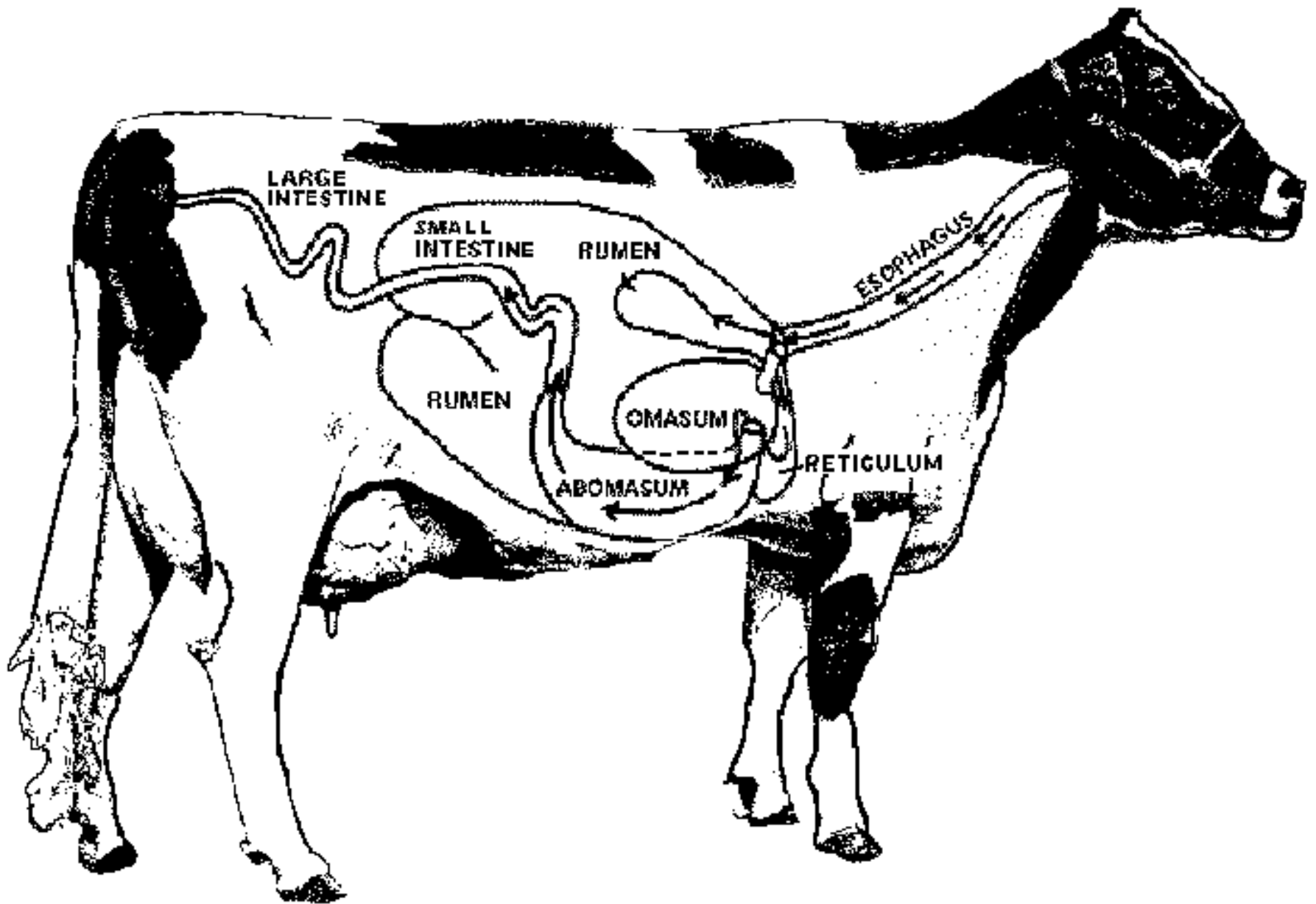
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Meanings: 1. to meditate. 2. to mutter. 3. to muse. 4. to ponder.

*"Hagah" comes from the same root word that has the meaning of a cow "chewing her cud".

The Process:

1. Cow grazes on the grass.
2. Doesn't spend a lot of time chewing. The object is to get as much grass as possible into the stomach. Much of it is done in the morning hours, while the dew is on the grass.
3. In the afternoon, when it is hot, she can relax, recline, and settle down for a long chew by bringing the grass "back up" into her mouth for further chewing. That which she brings back up is called the "cud". Thus the term "chewing the cud".
4. They grind it, mulch it, and work it into its most basic and simplest form for easy assimilation by the cows digestive system.
5. The food is brought back up as many times as necessary until it is fully digestible. It is stored in one of 7 compartments in a cows stomach, waiting to be re-worked in the cow's mouth.
6. Time consuming? Yes. A waste of time? No - not if you want to produce good, rich milk!



5 Hindrances to Meditation:

1. Ignorance.

2. No Desire

"Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in their spiritual life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs from the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord . . ."

- Charles Spurgeon

3. No Delight.

4. Busyness.

5. Distractions.

Questions to "*chew on*" when meditating -

1. What is God trying to teach me from this passage?
2. How does this differ from what the world believes?
3. Where do I need to change my thinking and how I act in this area of my life?
4. What situations do I encounter in my life where I will act differently by applying these truths?



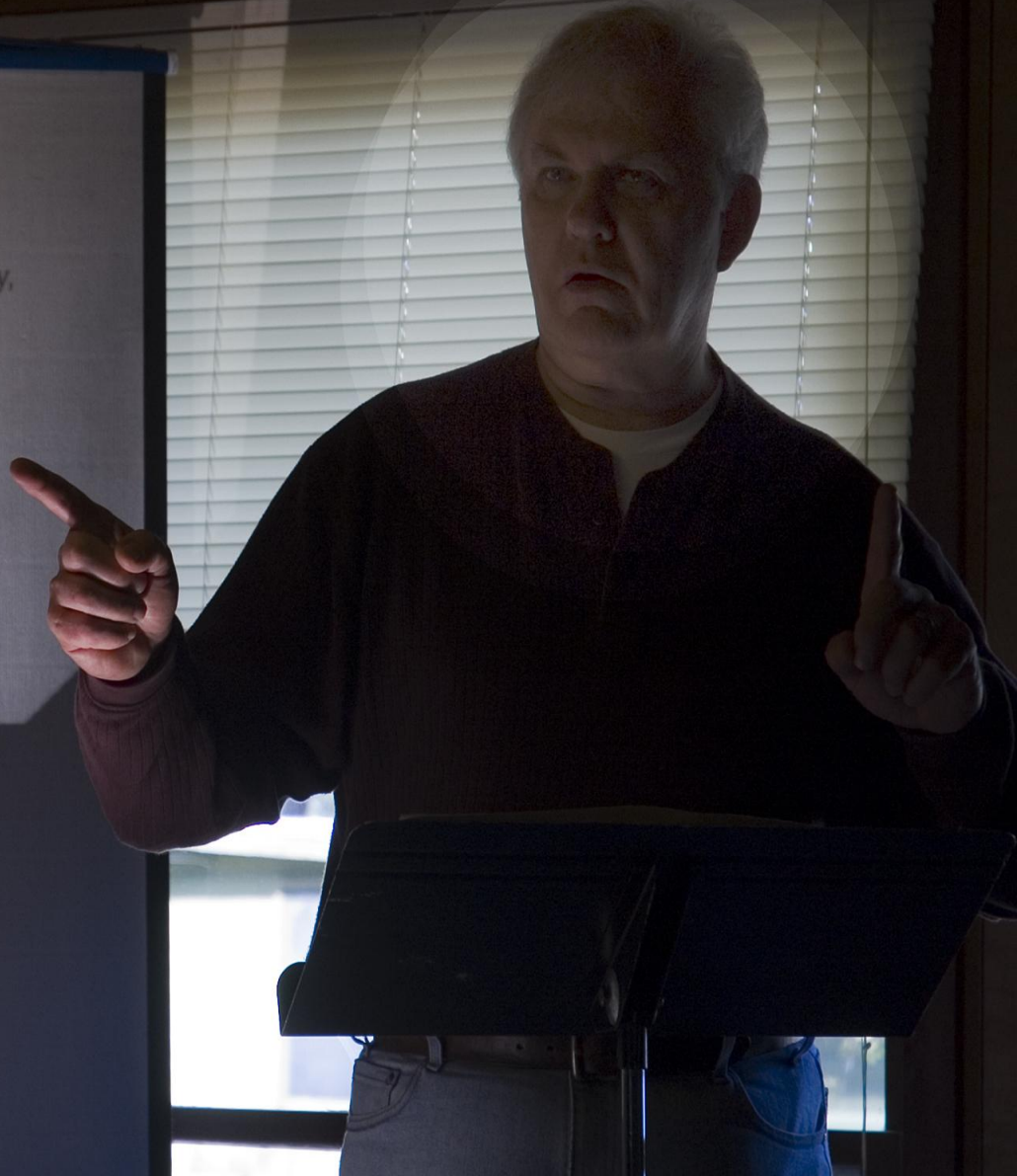
VI. A look at Psalm 1.

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DAY 2

"Development"

Ps 1:4-6

- 4 The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

Living a Blessed Life

Part 2

- I. The ungodly are not so. (4)
- A. This is in strong contrast to the man that is blessed in vss. 1-3.
 - B. They are like "chaff" - blown around, no direction, goes with the wind, worthless, of no real value, useless, no stability, undependable.
 - C. These are ones who forsake God, ignore His Word, and live apart from any thought of His presence or application to their lives.
- II. The ungodly will not be able to withstand the judgment of God. (5a)
- A. There are 5 judgments in Scripture in regard to man:
 1. The Judgment seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom 14:10.
 2. The Tribulation Judgments. Rev. 6-19; 1 Thes. 5:1-11
 3. The Judgment of living Jews. Matt. 25:1-30
 4. The Judgment of living Gentiles. Matt. 25:31-46
 5. The Great White Throne Judgment. Rev. 20
- III. The ungodly will not be in that gathering of righteous believers. (5b)
- A. As a result of God's judgment at the Great White Throne, sinners, those without the righteousness of Christ, will be excluded from the eternal life of God.

7 The righteous will flourish; the River to the ends of the earth will bow before him and his feet will tread on high. 8 For as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge. 9 Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. 10 They say, "How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?" 11 This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth. 12 Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence. 13 All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning. 14 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed this generation of your children. 15 When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me. 16 Still I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. 17 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. 18 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. 19 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. 20 Whom have I in heaven but you? And being with you, I desire nothing on earth.

BOOK III

Psalms 73-89

Psalm 73

A psalm of Asaph.

1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. 3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. 5 They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills. 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds know no limits. 8 They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression. 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven,

Hebrew; Masoretic Text struggles at their death; / their bodies are their eyes bulge with fat

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25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my faithful to You. 27 For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed all who are far from You. 28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge.

Questions to "chew on" when meditating on Psalm 73 -
1. What is God trying to teach me from this passage?
v. 13 - I cannot find riches by myself - and the riches I seek are from him

2. How does this differ from what the world believes?
- Their riches seem attractive, but they do not satisfy
v. 16+17 - I cannot find the correct path, or understand
v. 26

3. Where do I need to change my thinking and how I act in the world?
- First, I need to think of God - Psalms!
- then not envy others
- be constant, day and night, in my meditation of God

4. What situations do I encounter in my life where I will act on these truths?
Relax with God, even amidst chaos.
This should include virtually all situations.
v. 28 Always be near to God.

7 For as he thinks in









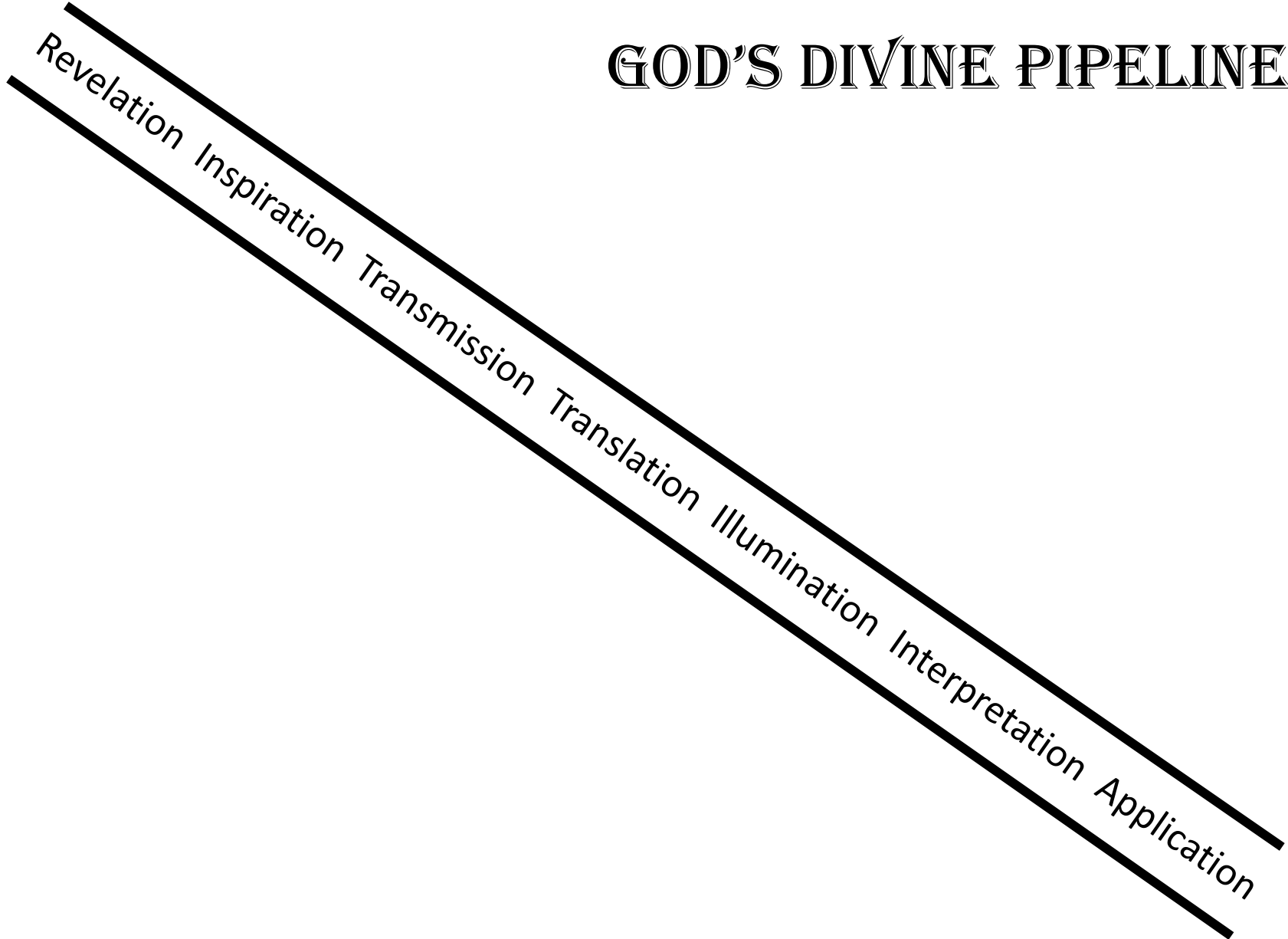






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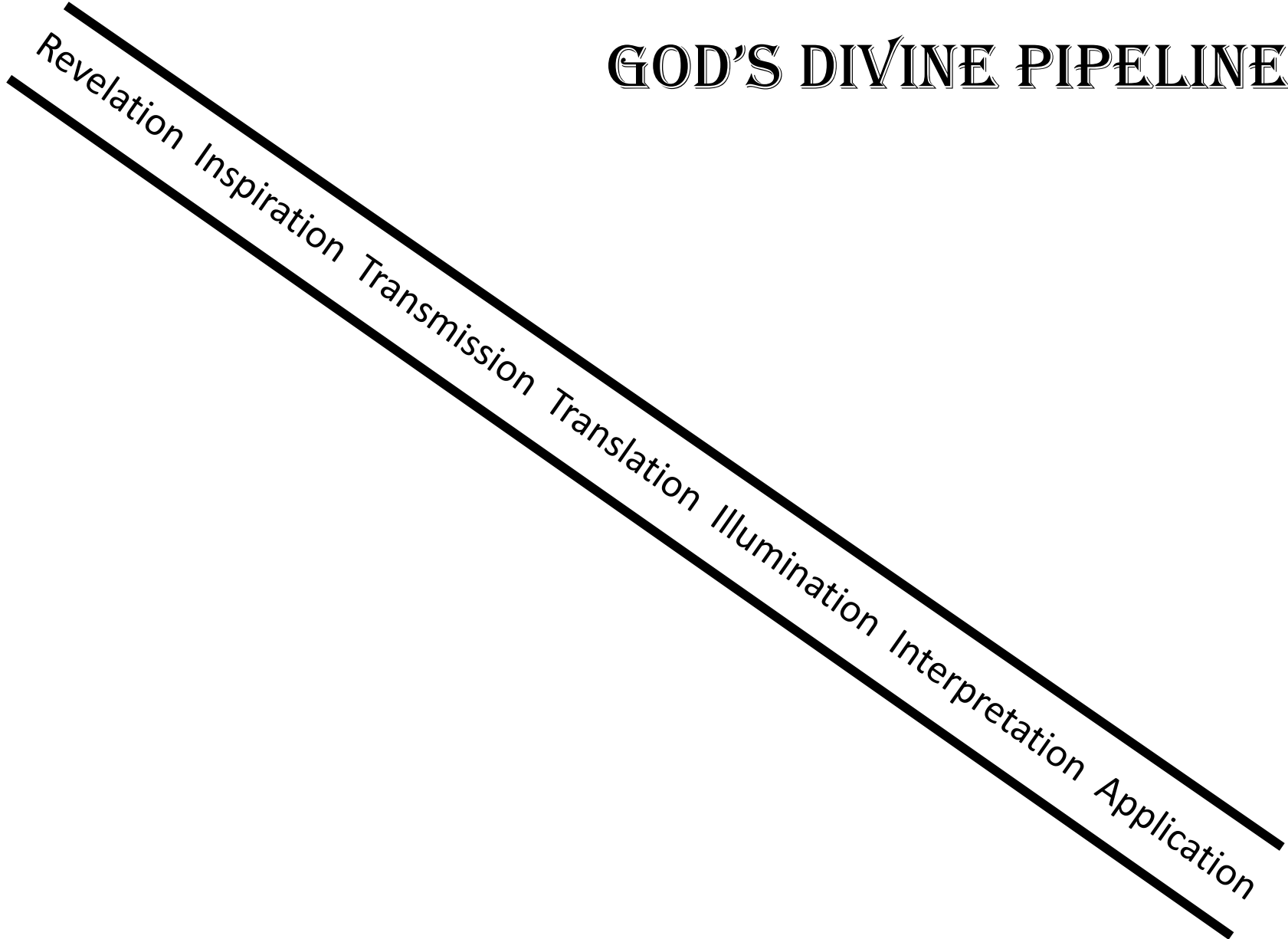
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