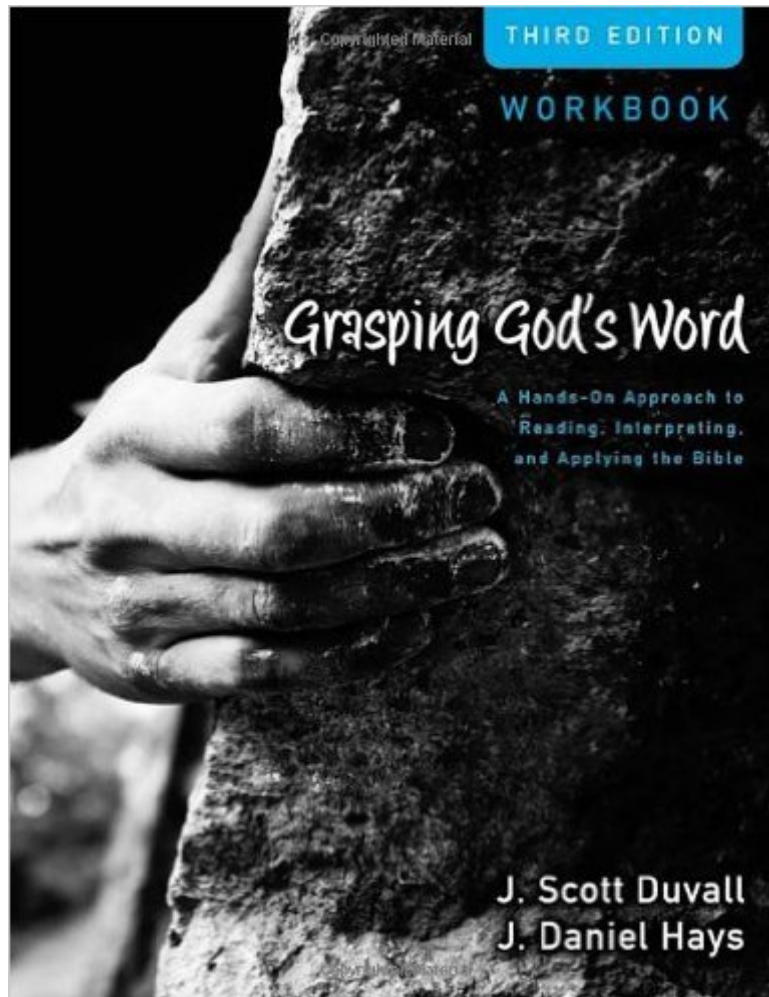


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# Grasping God's Word Workbook: A Hands-On Approach To Reading, Interpreting, And Applying The Bible



## Synopsis

NOTE: This is a Workbook. The widely used Grasping God's Word, now in a revised third edition, teaches the foundational principles and tools of biblical interpretation. J. Scott Duvall, who specializes in New Testament studies, and Old Testament scholar J. Daniel Hays survey numerous biblical passages, demonstrating solid interpretive strategies for understanding the Bible. This workbook is designed to use alongside the Grasping God's Word textbook, following its structure with activities that offer additional practice for all the elements of faithful scholarship as they are presented. College-level students and other serious learners will have the opportunity to try out their interpretive skills by applying them to specific genres and contexts. Both Grasping God's Word and Grasping God's Word Workbook treat Scripture as the solid rock of Christian faith, one that students will grip more easily when they know how to read it, how to interpret it, and how to apply it.

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Christians generally know they're supposed to read the Bible and that they're supposed to do something about it, but the Bible doesn't always make sense. The Bible was written to an audience that is removed from us by time and culture, so it's easy to miss what the original author intended to communicate to the original biblical audience. Misinterpretation of the Scripture is unfortunately all too prevalent. In GRASPING GOD'S WORD, J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays walk us through a clear and helpful process for responsibly reading, interpreting, and applying the Bible. They call it the Interpretive Journey, and it's an imaginative and motivating description for what encountering God through the Scriptures is meant to look like. The authors outline five steps in the Interpretive

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