

# LITERAL INTERPRETATION MT. 19:27-30

**The weather is really bad – it’s raining cats and dogs!**

**We don’t have much time, so let’s shake a leg!**

**Walk into McDonald’s / Culvers:**

**I would like a concrete!**

**I would like a blizzard!**

***Pinapadugo mo ang ilong ko!***

You are giving me a nose bleed!

**We believe in literal interpretation – what can we say about it?**

## **1. Literal hermeneutics – no one likes the name / term!**

**Song of Solomon 4:1** Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; Thou hast doves’ eyes within thy locks: **Thy hair is as a flock of goats**, that appear from mount Gilead. **Song of Solomon 4:2** Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; Whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them. **Song of Solomon 4:3** Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: **Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.** **Song of Solomon 4:4** Thy neck is like the tower of David Builded for an armoury, Whereon there hang a **thousand** bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

**This is obvious because:**

➤ **LH is so easy to mock / make fun of**

➤ **LH has been misused by its proponents**

**Matthew 18:21** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **till seven times?** **Matthew 18:22** Jesus saith unto him, I say **not** unto thee, Until seven times: **but, Until seventy times seven.**

**Proverbs 24:16** For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: But the wicked shall fall into mischief.

**Proverbs 24:17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, And let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: **Proverbs 24:18** Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, And he turn away his wrath from him. **Proverbs 24:19** Fret not thyself because of evil men, Neither be thou envious at the wicked;

➤ **Dispensationalists themselves have constantly used other words to help define LH**

Words such as plain, normal, clear, direct, basic, face value, everyday use of language...

➤ **LH allows for all literary expressions: similes, metaphors, and a host of others. We just believe those literary expressions mean s**

**Psalm 18:1** I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. **Psalm 18:2** The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

**Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**John 10:7** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door of the sheep.**

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Revelation 1:14** His head and his hairs were white **like** wool, as white **as** snow; and his eyes were **as** a flame of fire;

**Revelation 1:15** And his feet **like** unto fine brass, **as** if they burned in a furnace; and his voice **as** the sound of many

waters. **Revelation 1:16** And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. **Revelation 1:17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

**Song of Solomon 1:6** Look not upon me, because I am black, Because the sun hath looked upon me: My mother's children were angry with me; They made me the keeper of the vineyards (הַכַּרְמִים); But mine own vineyard (כַּרְמִי שְׁלִי) have I not kept.

**Song of Solomon 2:15** Take us the foxes, The little foxes, that spoil the vines (כַּרְמִים): For our vines (וּכְרַמֵּינוּ) have tender grapes.

**Song of Solomon 7:11** Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; Let us lodge in the villages.

**Song of Solomon 7:12** Let us get up early to the vineyards (לְכַרְמֵינוּ); Let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, And the pomegranates bud forth: **There** will I give thee my loves.

**Song of Solomon 8:11** Solomon had a vineyard (כַּרְמִים) at Baal-hamon (בְּבַעַל הַמֶּזֶן); He let out the vineyard (אֶת־הַכַּרְמִים) unto keepers; Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver. **Song of Solomon 8:12** My vineyard (כַּרְמִי), which is mine (שְׁלִי), is before me (לְפָנַי): Thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

**Song of Solomon 6:8** There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, And virgins without number. **1 Kings 11:3** And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

## 2. Literal hermeneutics – **everyone** uses the method!

Everyone =

It's funny for all the abuse that I've heard about LH, I actually learned it from the broad Reformation.

**“If the plain sense of Scripture makes sense, seek no other sense lest it becomes nonsense!”**

**John 2:6** And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

**John 21:11** Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

### **I learned from all the Reformed to avoid the Quadriga:**

**Literal = what you think**

**Allegorical = what you connect to the rest of the Bible**

**Moral / Tropological = a moral to the story**

**Analogical = tie to future events**