How to Answer

Question 13: What Meaning can You Draw from Studying Words or Phrases in Their Original Language?

Next consider how native speakers would have understood the author's message.

- 1. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and review your answers to the previous questions, looking for *words or phrases that resonate with you*.
- 2. As the Spirit identifies words and phrases, **research them using an interlinear Bible or online interlinear tools**. If you're not sure how to do this, check the Help section of the Bible Study app or website you prefer.
- 3. Write about what you discover in your study journal. I record the **word or phrase** I looked up, the **Strong's reference number** (G#### or H####), the **transliterated word** (written with Latin alphabetical characters and accent marks), and the **word's definition**.

Hints & Hacks

- At this writing, you can find free interlinear study tools on **Blue Letter Bible** (<u>www.blb.org</u>), <u>www.Biblestudytools.com</u>, <u>www.Biblehub.com</u>, and <u>www.studylight.org</u>. I recommend you give them all a try and use the one you find easiest to use.
- If you aren't sure what words or phrases to look up, start with your answers to Question 3 (*characters* who are frequently mentioned and specifically named), Question 4 (named *locations*), and Question 6 (*frequently mentioned subjects*).
- Depending on your resource, you may also be able to access concordance results for the words and phrases you're researching. If so, I recommend recording this information and using it to Question 14.