



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

The Bible: The Word of God

1. The Bible: The Word of God
2. The Bible: Inspired of God
3. The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose
4. The Bible: As a Divine Revelation

HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 5
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 3, 12, 15, 18

5. God the Trinity
6. God the Father
7. God the Son: His Deity and Eternity
8. God the Son: His Incarnation
9. God the Son: His Substitutionary Death
10. God the Son: His Resurrection
11. God the Son: His Ascension and Priestly Ministry
12. God the Son: His Coming for His Saints
13. God the Son: His Coming With His Saints
14. God the Holy Spirit: His Personality
15. God the Holy Spirit: His Advent
16. God the Holy Spirit: His Regeneration
17. God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing
18. God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism
19. God the Holy Spirit: His Filling



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

PREMISE:

“ IF GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE & MAN FOR A PURPOSE,

IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT GOD WOULD REVEAL

HIS PURPOSE AND WILL TO MAN ”

QUESTION: IS THIS A REASONABLE PREMISE ?



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3 CRITICAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT HAS GOD REVEALED ?
2. HOW HAS GOD REVEALED IT ?
3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HIS REVELATION ?



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

1. WHAT HAS GOD REVEALED ?

- THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
- GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

2. HOW HAS GOD REVEALED IT ?

- GENERAL REVELATION
- SPECIAL REVELATION

QUESTION: CAN AN UNBELIEVER

1. HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?
2. KNOW GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE?



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THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

•VIA GENERAL REVELATION

- CREATION DECLARES GOD'S GLORY (HIS DEITY & POWER) - PS 19:1-6; ROM 1:20
- THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS MANIFEST IN EVERY PERSON - ROM 1: 19

• VIA SPECIAL REVELATION

- THE WRITTEN WORD - PS 19: 7-14; 2 TIM 3: 16
- THE LIVING WORD - JN 8: 12; 15: 15; 1 JN 5: 20



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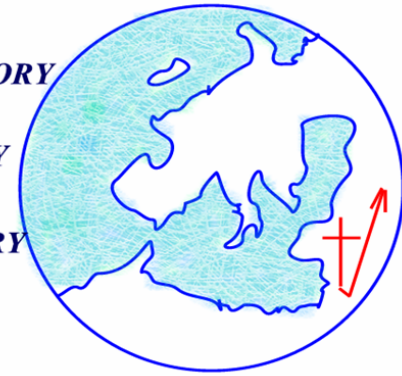
GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY

2. TO SHARE HIS GLORY

3. TO REVEAL HIS GLORY

4. TO BE GLORIFIED



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GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. DECLARE HIS GLORY: PS 19:1; ROM 1: 21
2. SHARE HIS GLORY: GEN 1: 26,27; JN 17: 22; 2 COR 3:18
3. REVEAL HIS GLORY:
 - VIA WRITTEN WORD: O.T & N.T
 - VIA LIVING WORD: JN 1:1-4, 14; 17:1-4; COL 1:15-19; 2: 9; HEB 1:3
 - VIA HIS CHILDREN: 2 COR 3:3,18; 4:6;
4. GOD GLORIFIED: JN 17:1; ROM 11: 33-36; 15:6; 1 COR 6:19,20
 (“NOT”: ROM 1: 21-23)



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3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HIS REVELATION ?

(“BY STUDYING ‘DILIGENTLY’ THE WORD OF TRUTH” - 2 TIM 2:15)

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE - 4 MAJOR STEPS

(THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING OUR GUIDE)

1. OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT SAY ?
2. INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?
3. CORRELATION: DOES THE INTERPRETATION AGREE WITH REST OF SCRIPTURE?
4. APPROPRIATION: APPROPRIATING THE REVEALED TRUTHS BY FAITH



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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: A FEW GUIDELINES

1. OBSERVATIONS :

- OBSERVE GRAMMAR, SYNTAX, DEFINITION OF WORDS, CULTURE, ETC.
- ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS: (EXAMPLES)
 - IS IT WRITTEN **TO ME** OR **FOR ME** ? (**TO THE CHURCH** - FOR APPROPRIATION)
(**FOR ME** - INFORMATION ABOUT GENTILES OR ISRAEL)
 - IF IT'S TO ME - THEN WHAT IS THE TIMING & APPLICABILITY OF THE TRUTH ? (I.E. PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE ?)
 - IS THE TRUTH POSITIONAL (WHO I AM) OR CONDITIONAL (HOW I AM TO WALK) ?

2. INTERPRETATION :

- WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE ITSELF MEAN ?
- CONSIDER THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT (SURROUNDING PASSAGES)
- CONSIDER THE REMOTE CONTEXT (THE PARAGRAPH, THE CHAPTER, THE BOOK)
- CONSIDER THE HISTORY
- CONSIDER THE CULTURE
- CONSIDER THE LANGUAGE
- LET SCRIPTURE INTERPRET SCRIPTURE
- ENSURE EXEGESIS (READING OUT OF SCRIPTURE) VS EISEGESIS (READING INTO SCRIPTURE)
- ENSURE A DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY
- CONSIDER PROGRESSIVE REVELATION & TRANSITIONS (E.G. IN THE EARLY CHURCH DISPENSATION)

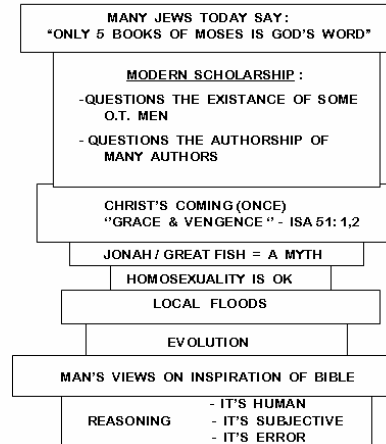


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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

MAN VS CHRIST'S TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE (GOD'S REVELATION)

MAN



CHRIST

