

SOME PRINCIPLES...**... WHEN STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD**

THE BIBLE record was **THE WORD OF GOD** to many a long time ago — **FROM GOD TO MAN — IN WHICH HE DESIRED TO UNVEIL HIMSELF** from His ‘unseen’ realm to our ‘seen’ arena because of His Love for us. Keep in mind, the Greek word ‘logos’ (translated ‘word’) means:-

‘THE WORD BREATHED OUT CONTAINING THE FULL INTENTION OF THE SPEAKER’.

Any Bible Study is a spiritual occasion to change you towards expressing His fullness in the earth here and now ... not in the ‘sweet by and by!’.

1. **GOD DOES NOT CHANGE** in Himself, in His purpose, in His timetable or in His Nature (Character). .we do, I trust!

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOR EVER. He is alive in the ‘now’ being that He is the ‘I am’.

2. **THE HOLY SPIRIT is the TEACHER**

*John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, and bring **all** things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.* Note this! What HE has spoken to YOU ... personal revelation ... what He spoke some thousands of years ago to another might just give us a clue, but what He speaks to you is what matters.

*John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO **ALL TRUTH**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

*Be still and know that I am God **says my heart to my brain** (remembering that Christ dwells in my heart by faith).*

3. **SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE**

*1 Cor 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL**. Don’t create confusion by mixing up a spiritual word that you have heard from the Lord with the written letter-word that men will quote*

4. **Keep before you the PURPOSE or MOTIVE for studying the scriptures** — namely that HIS THOUGHTS REPLACING OURS and THAT HIS LIFE SWALLOWS UP OURS. . . WHICH WILL RESULT IN OUR GROWING UP INTO HIM IN ALL THINGS

*Jer 15:16 **THY WORDS WERE FOUND, AND I DID EAT THEM**; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of **mine heart**: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*

*Eph 4:15 But **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, MAY GROW UP INTO HIM IN ALL THINGS, which is the head, even Christ**:*

5. **THE 'HISTORICAL' OR 'NATURAL' ACCOUNT IN THE WORD IS THE PARABLE and/or THE PATTERN FOR THE SPIRITUAL REALITY** of what God desires with that particular Word.

1 Cor 15:46 HOWBEIT THAT WAS NOT FIRST WHICH IS SPIRITUAL, BUT THAT WHICH IS NATURAL; AND AFTERWARD THAT WHICH IS SPIRITUAL.

For example — the parable (to us now) of Noah being a picture for us now . . . Luke 17:26 (see Under '*Re-thinking some of the Parables*' section).

6. **The 'seen' things show us the 'unseen' truths.**

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

7. **God is no respecter of persons.** Note it says respecter of PERSONS not Christians!

Deut 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which REGARDETH NOT PERSONS, nor taketh reward: (so one cannot 'do' anything in order to receive from God ... it is all by grace and it is covered in the 'done-deal' of Calvary.

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS: (NOT 'Christians only ... but He is all-inclusive!)

8. **The LAW of FIRST MENTION.** The first time in scripture that a name, subject or word is used, sets the course or emphasis for true understanding of that particular subject.

9. Any reference to **'TIME' MUST REFER TO THE EARTHLY OR NATURAL REALM** as God dwells in the 'timeless' zone!

10. **God is NEVER taken by surprise;** He says what He means and means what He says! Being God, He never wastes anything — thus everything including every word has purpose.

11. **GOD IS FOR US ... NEVER AGAINST US** — His Word, His actions, His plans, His methods are towards us. He moves FIRST and expects us THEN to respond. God is also FOR all of HIS CREATION.

12. **ALL SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE** and so all scriptures needs to be included and unveiled to us that we might see the WHOLE PICTURE of what God has in His Mind for us and/or with us and or through us with each particular word. This keeps the timing of happenings in His hand.

Don't be selective in what scriptures you search out.

13. **MANY TITLES for the SAME PERSON** or thing. Be sure that they come under the same heading. For example: **JESUS** is known as The Lamb of God, The Lion of Judah, the Bread of Life, the True Vine, The Resurrection, The Way, The Truth, The Life and so on . . .

OVERCOMERS are known as FIRSTFRUITS, Mount Zion, Manchild, Melchisedec Priesthood, Sons (in contrast to children!) etc.

14. **GOD HAS HIS TIMINGS.** 1000 years = one day = 1000 years which links 'days' with 'ages'. Also HE patterns His program for the Church with MONTHS and DAYS (see the three FEASTS with the Tabernacle later).

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, THAT ONE DAY IS WITH THE LORD AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.

15. **LINK-UP OF THOUGHTS.** Association of ITEMS that just go together: for example, **KINGDOM** includes a King, a Throne, a Crown, a Sceptre, Ability to rule, people who are ruled, King's House and so on . . . **DOOR** will include key or keys, Dwelling or House, Entrance or Exit, Closed or Open, to Keep in or to Keep out, Someone to operate or keep it etc.

16. **CROSS-REFERENCE** a word — such as SEED — to every place that it is used in scripture. Let the CONTEXT of each mention of that word add to your study AND the direction that God would

take you in it.

17. Remember that JESUS majored on THE KINGDOM OF GOD or THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, so it would be good to follow His example.

18. Be aware that there are PROGRESSIVE STEPS implied in the Word. For example . . .

a]. Acquaintance to Friendship to Fellowship to Relationship to union . . .

b]. Song Service to Praise Time to Worship to Worship-in-the-Spirit to The High Praises to Union (awareness of being ONE SPIRIT).

MAY THE LORD GOD WITHIN YOU ENLARGE YOUR VISION OF HIM AND OF YOUR SELF ... BY GRASPING WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT HIMSELF AND YOU.§