

## King James Bible Study Correspondence Course

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Principles of Study

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We must build a foundation in our understanding to help us deal with difficult verses in the Bible.

The Bible is a precise book that follows its own set of rules or principles which can be learned only by continuous study. Let's look at a few of these important principles that will help us in our Bible reading, our walk, and our growth in the Lord.

**Isaiah 28:10 *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:***

**Isaiah 28:13 *But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.***

**2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

The Bible says "rightly divide". What does that mean? We know there are 66 books in the Bible, 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament, we know that they are divided by chapters then divided again by verses.

The Bible divides people into three groups.

- the Jew or Hebrew
- the Gentile
- the Church of GOD

**1 Corinthians 10:32 *Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:***

Our Bible is divided into 8 time periods known as dispensations or ages.

1. Dispensation of Innocence - Genesis 2.
2. Age of conscience - Genesis 3 to the Enoch rapture.
3. Age of human government - Genesis 9 to Genesis 11.
4. Patriarch Age Genesis 12- Elijah's rapture.
5. Age of Law - Moses to Christ.
6. Age of Grace - Christ to the rapture of the church.
7. Millennial Age - close of the tribulation for 1000 years.
8. Perfect Age - the creation of the new heavens and the new Earth.

As we read the Bible the most important thing to understand is that the main

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subject of every book in the Bible is Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament books depict Jesus Christ for who He really is:

Genesis - He is the Creator God.

Exodus - He is the Redeemer.

Leviticus - He is Our Sanctification.

Numbers - He is our Guide.

Deuteronomy - He is our Teacher.

Joshua - He is The Mighty Conqueror.

Judges - He gives victory over enemies.

Ruth - He is our Kinsman Redeemer.

1 Samuel - He is the Root of Jesse.

2 Samuel - He is the Son of David.

1 Kings and 2 Kings - He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

1st and 2nd Chronicles - He is our Intercessor and High Priest.

Ezra - He is our Temple, our House of Worship.

Nehemiah - He is our Mighty Wall.

Esther - He stands in the gap to deliver us from our enemies.

Job - He is the arbitrator who understands our struggles and has the power to do something about them.

Psalms - He is our Song and our reason to sing.

Proverbs - He is our Wisdom.

Ecclesiastes - He is our Purpose, delivering us from vanity.

Song of Solomon - He is our Rose of Sharon.

Isaiah - He Is Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Jeremiah - He is our balm in Gilead.

Lamentations - He is the ever-faithful One upon Whom you can depend.

Ezekiel - He is the One who assures.

Daniel - He is the Ancient of days.

Hosea - He is our faithful lover.

Joel - He is our refuge.

Amos - He is the husbandman.

Obadiah - He is Lord of the Kingdom.

Jonah - He is our salvation.

Micah - He is Judge of the nations.

Nahum - He is the God who is jealous, and the LORD who revengeth.

Habakkuk - He is the Holy One.

Zephaniah - He is the Witness.

Haggai - He overthrows the enemies.

Zechariah - He is Lord of Hosts.

Malachi - He is the Sun of righteousness.

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GOD deals with His people in different ways during different ages, but all men, no matter which age or dispensations they lived in, come to GOD the same way, by faith.

The New Testament is written in the following order:

1. Matthew - written to the Jews. It is the transition book after the book of Malachi and depicts Jesus as the King of the Jews.
2. Mark - depicts Jesus as a servant.
3. Luke - depicts Jesus a man.
4. John - depicts Jesus as GOD.
5. Acts - Historical account of the Early Christian Church.
6. Romans - Doctrine for the Church.
7. 1 Corinthians - rebukes the early Church for not following instructions.
8. 2 Corinthians - rebukes the early Church again.
9. Galatians - Written primarily to the Jews, because they were adding the law to the faith of Jesus.
10. Ephesians through Titus – defines the principles of Romans where we find essential doctrines.
11. Philemon – a reminder to us that we were once slaves to sin, and God took us in.
12. Hebrews – written for two main purposes. First, to encourage people who have trusted Christ for salvation to stay true to Him when they suffer because of their faith. Second, to encourage saved people to live so as to gain the fulness of the spiritual benefits available to the Christian.
13. James – tells us about our tongue and how we should learn to control it.
14. 1 & 2 Peter – remind us that the scripture is more important than the spoken word of God & that there are false prophets that will come from out of our own congregations.
15. 1, 2, & 3 John – tell us of the love of God.
16. Jude – reminds us again of false prophets amongst us.
17. Revelation – Reveals Gods promises and shows us a glimpse of how the world, the earth, and the heavens will be destroyed and remade.

1 Corinthians 10:11 *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.* The Holy Spirit provides this verse to let us understand what the purpose was for the stories of the Old Testament. They were pictures of the challenges, trials, troubles and victories each of us will have to deal with in our own lives.

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These books say many other things, and I trust you will glean the gems from each book.

Again, understand the whole Bible is written about Jesus Christ, even though His name only appears in the New Testament. HE is in every book of the Bible.

When you study your Bible if you follow these guidelines, you will enjoy your bible reading much more. The guidelines are as follows:

**1. The Bible is correct as it stands.**

*Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

**2. The Bible is to be rightly divided**

*2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

**3. Each passage must be read with the following questions in mind:**

- To whom is the passage addressed?
- In what time period does the context place the passage?
- Does this rightly apply to the day in which we live?

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**4. Compare Spiritual things with Spiritual.**

a. Biblical terms and meanings are to be defined by their use throughout the Bible, not by extra Biblical sources such as commentaries, topical Bibles, or even sometimes Bible dictionaries.

*1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

b. Phrases/words that match and those that are different need to be noted with utmost care

*2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*

Pay close attention to:

- first mentioned - words/phrases
- last mentioned- words/phrases
- most mentioned - words/phrases

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Examples:

First mentioned phrase: John 3:7 *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Last Mentioned phrase: Revelation 22:20 *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

Most mentioned phrase: *kingdom of heaven* – Mentioned 33 times only in the book of Matthew.

**5. Repeating history is the key to prophetic material.**

The student must be aware that there are cycles and patterns which the Holy Spirit has woven throughout the Bible text.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 *That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.*

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us*

History does repeat itself.

**6. Human knowledge and education are only of secondary importance.**

The Bible is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Author lives inside of every born again believer, HE will teach any willing soul the truth.

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.*

Psalms 25:14 *The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

It is not classroom instruction or the lack thereof which will make the difference. Are you willing to search out the truth? Do you desire the knowledge of the Lord God and the truth of His word? It is this hunger for God's revelation of Himself that is most essential.

Moses was educated; David was not. Daniel was educated; Elijah was not. Paul was educated; Peter was not. All were used mightily for God. because they sought the Lord and His truth with all their heart.

Proverbs 2:1-5 *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

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**7. The use of cross-references is essential.**

GOD seldom places all the truth about a particular subject in one place. The student must search every passage to insure that he or she has all the counsel of GOD on the subject.

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Note: When a mason begins to build, he sets the chief corner stone first, and then he lays one brick upon another, interlocking them and insuring each one is straight and true.

**8. Trust GOD before man.**

GOD has given each of us certain mental faculties. HE has also gifted and enabled certain men to teach HIS Church, but all men, including oneself, must be judged in light of the scripture. When anyone differs with the Bible, the Bible is to be trusted.

Romans 3:4 *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

Romans 10:14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

Always remember, when the best preacher, teacher, doctor. or great theologian says something contrary to the word of GOD, they are wrong.

Follow these eight principles of study, and you will make it easier for GOD to teach you HIS word.

Notes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Note: (\*) An asterisk indicates you must include scripture with your answers.

1. What was the purpose of this lesson?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why is being intelligent not really that important when learning the Bible?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are the four depictions of Jesus Christ we derived from reading the Gospels?
  - a. Matthew:
  - b. Mark:
  - c. Luke:
  - d. John:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What does the book of Hebrews primarily teach us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If Mr. Great Theologian says that the Bible was translated incorrectly in any passage, what would be the proper response? \*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How were the people in the O.T. saved?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What are the three groups of people mentioned in the Bible?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Who is the main subject of the entire Bible?

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9. Why is it important to search out every verse that refers to a particular subject you are studying?
10. What was the Holy Spirit's purpose of all those stories in the O.T.? \*
11. Why are extra Biblical sources not important when reading and studying the Bible? \*
12. Why should we (formally Gentiles) NOT get our doctrine from the following books? Explain in detail.
  - a. Matthew
  - b. Acts
  - c. 1 Corinthians
  - d. 2 Corinthians
13. What book of the Bible should the born again believer be getting there doctrine from?
14. Explain 2 Timothy 2:15. (Use a separate piece of paper to explain your answer)

**True/false**

- Opening the Bible and placing your finger on the scriptures is the most inspiring way to study the Bible.
- Since every word of the Bible is pure, then every word should be preserved in the scriptures and not changed by modern versions.
- History does repeat itself.

**Scripture memorization**

Psalms 12:6-7; Proverbs 2:1-5

Write out these verses on a separate piece of paper. (must be in KJV)

any questions?