

MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

The Bible: The Word of God

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- 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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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 5

ANSWER QUESTIONS: 3, 12, 15, 18



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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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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

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 BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

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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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

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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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

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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3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HIS REVELATION?

("BY STUDYING 'DILIGENTLY' THE WORD OF TRUTH" - 2TIM 2:15)

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE - 4 MAJOR STEPS

(THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING OUR GUIDE)

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

2. INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

CORRELATION: DOES THE INTERPRETATION AGREE WITH REST OF SCRIPTURE?

4. APPROPRIATION: APPROPRIATING THE REVEALED TRUTHS BY FAITH

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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

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)?

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 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)

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MAN

MANY JEWS TODAY SAY:
"ONLY 5 BOOKS OF MOSES IS GOD'S WORD"

MODERN SCHOLARSHIP:

- -QUESTIONS THE EXISTANCE OF SOME O.T. MEN
- QUESTIONS THE AUTHORSHIP OF MANY AUTHORS

CHRIST'S COMING (ONCE)
"GRACE & VENGENCE" - ISA 51: 1,2

JONAH / GREAT FISH = A MYTH

HOMOSEXUALITY IS OK

LOCAL FLOODS

EVOLUTION

MAN'S VIEWS ON INSPIRATION OF BIBLE

- IT'S HUMAN
REASONING - IT'S SUBJECTIVE

- IT'S ERROR

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CHRIST

LAW & PROPHETS (O.T.) IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD & WILL BE FULFILLED TO THE JEWS - MT 5:17,18

CHRIST TESTIFIED TO:
ABEL - MT 23: 35; ABRAHAM, ISAAIC, &

JACOB - MT8: 11; JN 8: 37-40 MOSES - JN 8: 45-47 DAVID - MT 22: 41-46 ELIJAH - MT 17: 10-13 DANIEL - MT 24:15 ZECHARIAH - MT 23:35

CHRIST'S COMING (TWICE)
GRACE (1 ST) - LU 4: 16-21

VENGENCE (2 ND) - REV 19: 11-21 JONAH / GREAT FISH = FACT - MT 12:40,41

HOMOSEXUALITY IS SIN - LU 17: 28,29

WORLD WIDE FLOOD - MT24:36-39

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CREATION

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

- MT 19:3-6

MT 4:4 / DEUT 8:3 - IT'S DIVINE

REVELATION -IT'S OBJECTIVE

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