

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

01 - OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

Lesson: The Bible Is God's Written Word That He Commands Us To Study, And Obey.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Why? It Is For Our Blessing And Prosperity.

Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV) *"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."*

I.- GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIBLE:

The Bible contains 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

The Old Testament was mostly written in the Hebrew language. Some portions were written in Aramaic.

- 268 Verses of Old Testament were written in Aramaic – portions of Daniel, Ezra, Jeremiah.

The New Testament was written in the Greek language (Koine) with some Aramaic words.

II.- BASIC DIVISIONS OF SCRIPTURE:

A.- OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW:

The Old Testament explains our origins (Creation of the universe, and Earth). It explains Creation of Man, his authority over creation, his sin of disobedience; the subsequent curse of sin over mankind as well as creation. The Old Testament also explains God's plan for redemption of mankind and His covenant with Israel.

It also provides an Eschatological (end times) explanation for mankind and creation; also foretelling of past, current and forthcoming world powers and their role in the last days.

THE OLD TESTAMENT IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

A. Pentateuch:

B. Historical Books

C. **Wisdom And Poetic Books**

D. **Prophetic Books**

B.- NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

The New Testament unveils the life of Jesus Christ, the birth of the Church, and the hope of eternal life. It is divided into the following sections:

A. **Accounts Of The Gospel (Gospels):**

B. **Acts Of The Apostles:**

C. **General Epistles:**

D. **Pauline Epistles:**

E. **Prophetic:**

III.- BASIC THEMES OF SCRIPTURE:

- **GOD** - Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 1:1; Psalms 103
- **MAN/CREATION** - Genesis 2:7
- **SIN** - 1 John 2:15-17; Romans 3:23
- **JESUS** - John 5:39, Luke 24:7, 44, 45
- **REDEMPTION** - Romans 3:24; 10:8-13 Salvation - Romans 1:16; 10:8-13
- **SATAN/SPIRIT WORLD** - Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 4:4
- **PROPHECY** - 2nd coming of Jesus - Revelation 4:20
- **MAN** - Beginning and final end - John 3:17-19

IV.- BASIC TYPES OF SCRIPTURE

A.- **Historical:**

B.- **Poetic:**

C.- **Prophetic:**

D.- Instructional:

5.- HOW TO STUDY THE SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 28:9-13 *“For commandment must be upon commandment, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”*

A.- Precept Upon Precept:

B.- Line Upon Line:

C.- Here A Little, There A Little:

VI.- THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE.

Lesson: Our disposition toward God and his Word is what enables us to hear spiritual truth.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (NASB) *“For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also, the thoughts of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.”*

John 14:26 *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”*

1 Corinthians 2:14. *“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

VII.- HOMEWORK: A PRACTICAL METHOD OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Read **Mark 4:35-41**. Answer the following questions from these verses:

Who? What is said about the person or people involved? What does the person or people say?

What? What is happening? What are the events; in what order?

Where? Where is the event taking place? Where are people going to or coming from?

When? When did the events take place?

Why? Why is this story included? Why here in the text? Why does one person say what he does? etc.

So What? How can i apply the truth of this scripture to my life?