Understanding The Bible

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INTRODUCTION

- I've decided to create a series of videos that can be viewed on YouTube and they can be easily shared with your friends, and corresponding material to go along with the videos.
- What I'm intending with this lesson this morning is for you to see some things that need to be taught to others.

1 The Bible's Unique Claim to Inspiration

2 Timothy 3:16–17; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21

- The Bible is the most important book in the world. It is the only book that is from God, and it is the only book that teaches salvation.
- All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the men of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
- It was written by 40 different men over the period of 1,600 years. And these men were guided by the Holy Spirit.
- The theme of the Bible is the salvation of mankind. … God planned it before the foundation of the world, from all eternity.

2 The Flow of the Bible

- A lot of people know random stories of the Bible. … but they cannot put the Bible together in one flowing story.
- God gave three promises to them land, nation, and seed.
- The life of Jesus and his story is the center of all human and divine history and is the most important event of all the world, of all time.
- That's not the plan of salvation, folks. Those are the conditions for salvation. The plan of salvation is this glorious story.

3 Three Key Prophecies

Genesis 3:15; Genesis 22:18; 2 Samuel 7:12–13

- The first of those is Satan's head to be crushed by the seed of woman.
- A second key prophecy. All nations to be blessed through the seed of Abraham.
- The third key prophecy is David's descendant to reign on his throne forever.
- These prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the seed of woman, who crushed Satan's head on the cross.

4 The Two Testaments

Galatians 3:24–25; Hebrews 9:16–17; Hebrews 8:13

- The word testament means covenant, which means an agreement.
- Old covenant law of Moses, new covenant, law of Christ. Which one are we under? Well, we're under the new covenant.
- Therefore the law became our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we might be justified by faith.
- Jesus had to die in order for his will to go into effect.
- The law is simply a shadow. It's just a representation that's sort of closely resembles the real thing, but it's not the real substance. Their substance is Christ.

5 The Old Law Is for Our Learning

Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11–12

- For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope.
- Now these things happened to them as an example for us.
- We really do need the Old Testament, or we cannot comprehend the new.

6 The Bible Can Be Understood

Ephesians 5:17; Ephesians 3:4; Acts 17:11

- But the Bible can be understood. In fact, it must be understood.
- So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- It's going to take reading and studying diligently. And I would couple that, of course, with prayer.
- Examining the scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need not just to read it, but we need to follow it.**

MY NOTES