

BEFORE BEGINNING BIBLE STUDY

1. Text: Psalm 119:105-112
2. For most of us, we have certain assumptions or things we take for granted as we open our Bible to study. We believe these to be true and do not need to have them proved every time we look at Scripture.
3. What are these assumptions? These are points we could share with others as or before we study with them.

I. The Bible Assumes God Has Spoken Or Revealed His Will.

1. All Scripture is based on this. "God has spoken." (Acts 3:21)
2. Hebrews 1:1-2 God had spoken earlier, now through His Son.
3. I Corinthians 14:37 What was written were Lord's commandments.
4. II Peter 1:21 Holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit.
5. "Thus saith the Lord." Is that the case or not?

II. The Bible Is Infallible.

1. Meaning "free from error." Can be trusted completely. Compare to outdated textbooks.
2. Psalm 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect. Psalm 119:140 Thy word is pure (no impurities) John 10:35 The Scriptures cannot be broken (stands indestructible, unaffected by denial, attacks, criticism)
3. Archaeology's thousands of discoveries.

III. The Bible Is Complete And Final.

1. Imagine if the Bible was incomplete.
2. The Old Testament is incomplete. There's a finality to the New.
3. Jude 3 "Once and for all delivered to the Saints."
4. II Peter 1:3 All things that pertain to life and godliness
5. II Timothy 3:16-17 "Complete unto every good work"
6. Bible is not key to truth, doesn't contain truth. It is truth! False teachers usually base doctrines on additional (?) revelation.

IV. The Bible Has Been Accurately Transmitted And Translated.

1. Scripture comes from different ages and languages.
2. Question: Has it come down to us correctly? A resounding, thundering yes is the answer.
3. Transmission: textual criticism. 999 of 1000 words.
4. Translation can but need not be a problem.

V. The Bible Is Intelligible.

1. It can be understood. Man is a rational being who can and must use that great trait to know God.
2. An intelligent God created and communicated with intelligent beings by intelligible means. Did God have that ability? Of course.
3. We can make Bible study too difficult. God says what He means; means what He says. Watch out for teachers who complicate Scripture meaning.

VI. The Bible When Rightly Understood Is Authoritative And Demands Submission.

1. We can misunderstand, believe incorrectly and, therefore, cause ourselves and others damage and grief. But rightly understood, Scripture demands obedience.
2. Romans 6:17 You have obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine.
3. Hebrews 5:9 He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Conclusion:

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