

# Hermeneutics

*(The Science of Bible Interpretation)*



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## INTRODUCTION:

The deeper things of the Word of God are reserved for all believers who will be willing to search them out, as one digs for gold.

It is sad, but true, that most pastors and Bible teachers rightly emphasize the need for "getting into" the Word, but rarely or never explain to people how to get something out of it!

This course will be one step in helping the student get maximum benefit from the Word in a minimum amount of time (i.e. without wasting time, as a mechanic working with the wrong tool).

## I. THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

## II. PRINCIPLES FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

### A. Personal Qualifications

### B. Hermeneutical Principles of Interpreting the Bible

## III. What are the rules of hermeneutics?

4 Essential Principles (rules) of Interpretation:

1. Read the Bible literally (normally, plainly)  
(The Literal Principle)
2. Understand the context (of the verses you are studying)  
(The Contextual Principle)
3. Consistently follow rules of grammar (as you study)  
(The Grammatical Principle)
4. Compare Scripture with Scripture (as you study)  
(The Theological Principle)

## EXEGESIS

## The Difference between Interpretation and Application

## A study of God's promises