

Hermeneutics II
Falls International Baptist Institute
Class Eleven
Review of Hermeneutics I

This is a study sheet for Hermeneutics I. Please study the whole sheet to prepare for the final exam. In our next lesson, we will give you a study sheet for Hermeneutics II. There will be a few questions from Hermeneutics I and a lot of questions from Hermeneutics II on the final exam.

I. The Dispensational Principle

A. Definition: A dispensation is a period of time during which God deals in a particular way with man in respect to sin and man's responsibility.

B. Dispensations:

- 1. Innocence**
- 2. Conscience**
- 3. Human Government**
- 4. Promise**
- 5. Law**
- 6. Grace**
- 7. Tribulation**
- 8. Kingdom**

II. The Covenantal Principle

A. Definition: An agreement or a contract between men or between God and men. Remember there are conditional (depending on man) and unconditional (depending on God) covenants.

B. Divisions:

- 1. Edenic Covenant (conditional)**
- 2. Adamic Covenant (unconditional)**
- 3. Noahic Covenant (unconditional)**
- 4. Abrahamic Covenant (unconditional)**
- 5. Mosaic Covenant (conditional)**
- 6. Davidic Covenant (Unconditional)**
- 7. Palestinian Covenant (Conditional)**
- 8. New Covenant (Unconditional)**

III. The Ethnic Division Principle (Pertaining to Races of People)

- A. Definition: This is the principle by which the Word of Truth is rightly divided in relation to the three classes of people in the Word of God: The Jew, the Gentile, and the Church of God.**
- B. The Jew traces his ancestry to Abraham. All other nations are Gentiles. The Church is neither Jew nor Gentile, but one body through Christ.**
- C. Questions that the student must ask when studying the Word of God:**
 - 1. Who said this?**
 - 2. To whom was it written?**
 - 3. What were the circumstances when it was said?**
 - 4. Who does it concern? The Jew, the Gentile, or the Church?**

IV. The Discrimination Principle

- A. Definition: That principle by which we should divide the Word of Truth, so as to make a distinction where God makes a difference.**
- B. Illustrations:**
 - 1. The difference between the creatures and the children of God.**
 - 2. The difference between being accepted in the beloved, and being acceptable in our walk.**
 - 3. The difference between faith and works.**
 - 4. The difference between salvation and rewards.**
 - Note the five rewards or crowns:**
 - a. Crown of rejoicing – for soul winners**
 - b. Incorruptible crown – for one who keeps his body in subjection**
 - c. Crown of Righteousness – for those who love His appearing**
 - d. Crown of Glory – faithful ministering**
 - e. Crown of Life – endure testings**
 - 5. The difference between the believer's position and practice (standing and state).**
 - 6. The difference between a professor and a possessor.**
 - 7. The difference between law and grace.**
 - 8. The difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.**