

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The text on the pages is visible, and a small portion of the left page is being lifted. The background is softly blurred, showing another person's hands and a glass. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the Bible.

How To Study The Bible

Rules Of Bible Study

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Rules Of Bible Study

□ Law of Harmony

□ Truth is truth. *Jn. 17:17*

■ Do not speculate. *Deut. 29:29; 1 Cor. 4:6*

□ Consider all of God's word on any subject.

Ps. 119:160

■ For example: *John 3:16, 36; Acts 2:38; 22:16*

Rules Of Bible Study

□ Law of Harmony

□ Difficult passages need to be considered in light of plain language.

■ Example: ***1 Cor. 15:29 vs. Mark 16:16***

■ Elliptical sentence - need to add word “only”.

■ Examples: ***1 Cor. 1:17; John 12:44; 6:27***

Rules Of Bible Study

□ Law of Context

□ Good Bible study begins with a thorough evaluation of the context.

□ What is a context?

■ In bible study, context is the words, phrases, and sentences surrounding a particular word, phrase, or sentence.

□ Why is context important? Consider: ***Matt. 5:48***

How to determine the context of any particular passage?

- Determine WHO is speaking.
 - ▣ Is he inspired or not?
 - God - ***Gen. 2:17***
 - Devil - ***Gen. 3:4; Job. 2:4***
 - Jews - ***Jn. 8:48***

How to determine the context of any particular passage?

- Determine WHO is speaking.
 - ▣ Is he inspired or not?
 - ▣ Some statements, though spoken by uninspired men, are recorded by the inspired writer, and we need to be careful with these.

Example. John 9:31; Dan. 4:34-35; Acts 17:28

How to determine the context of any particular passage?

- Determine WHEN it was spoken?
 - In what dispensation? **Heb. 1:1-2**
 - Historical period
 - Example: **Matt. 6:9-13**

How to determine the context of any particular passage?

- To WHOM is it spoken?
 - **Gen. 6:14** “Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood”
 - **Gen. 12:3** “I will bless those who bless you”
 - **Exo. 20:8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy”
 - **John 14:26; 16:13** The Holy Spirit “will teach you all things” and “guide you into all the truth”

How to determine the context of any particular passage?

- WHAT were the surrounding circumstances?
 - Examples: *Acts 16:31; Luke 23:42-43*

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

