

The Keys to unlock **THE BIBLE**

STUDY # 1



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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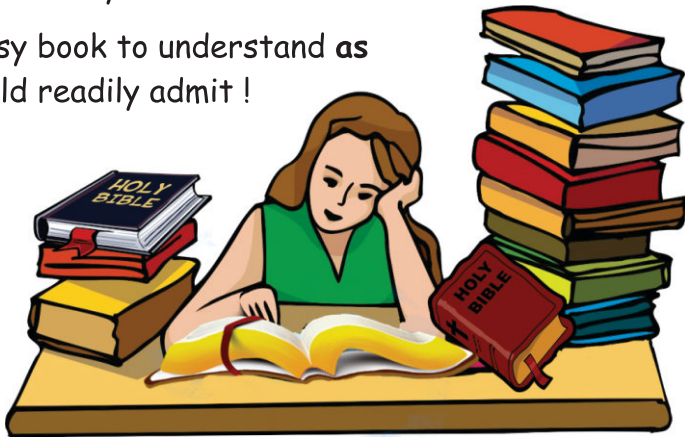
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Today we look into the subject of the Holy Scriptures -
THE BIBLE
and how to study and understand it.

It is **NOT** an easy book to understand as
ALL would readily admit !

In fact hardly any
can really confess
to know and fully
understand the
Bible !



Let us begin our study today by seeing **WHAT** does the word " Bible " mean ?

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It comes from the **GREEK** word "Biblos"
which means - Book !

Who's book ? - **GOD'S BOOK !**

So simple and yet so powerful !



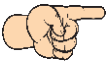
**GOD WROTE A BOOK WHICH
ARE HIS WORDS TO ALL
MANKIND !**

The world has many books called **HOLY BOOKS** from the various gods of the various religions.



The **Hindu Holy Books** are called the Vedas -

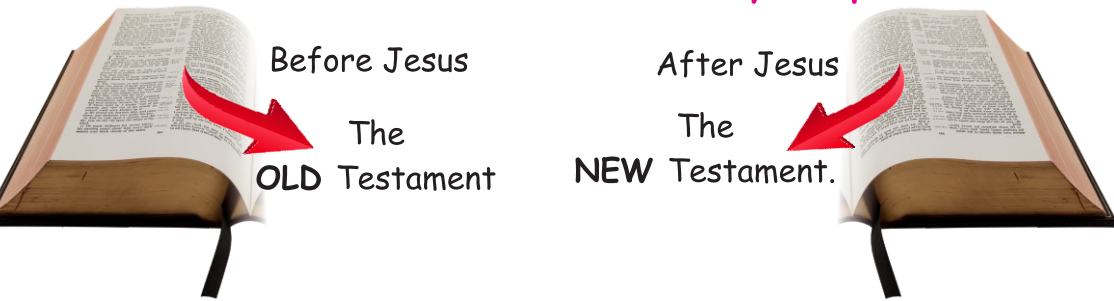
**RIG VEDA, YAJUR VEDA,
SAMA VEDA & ATHARVA
VEDA.**



But the Bible in Indian Languages is called -
SATHYA VEDA or the "**Veda of Truth**".

Before we go into **THE KEYS TO UNLOCK AND
UNDERSTAND** the Bible
let us first study some **FACTS** and details of the
COMPOSITION of the Bible—

There are TWO divisions to the Holy Scriptures —



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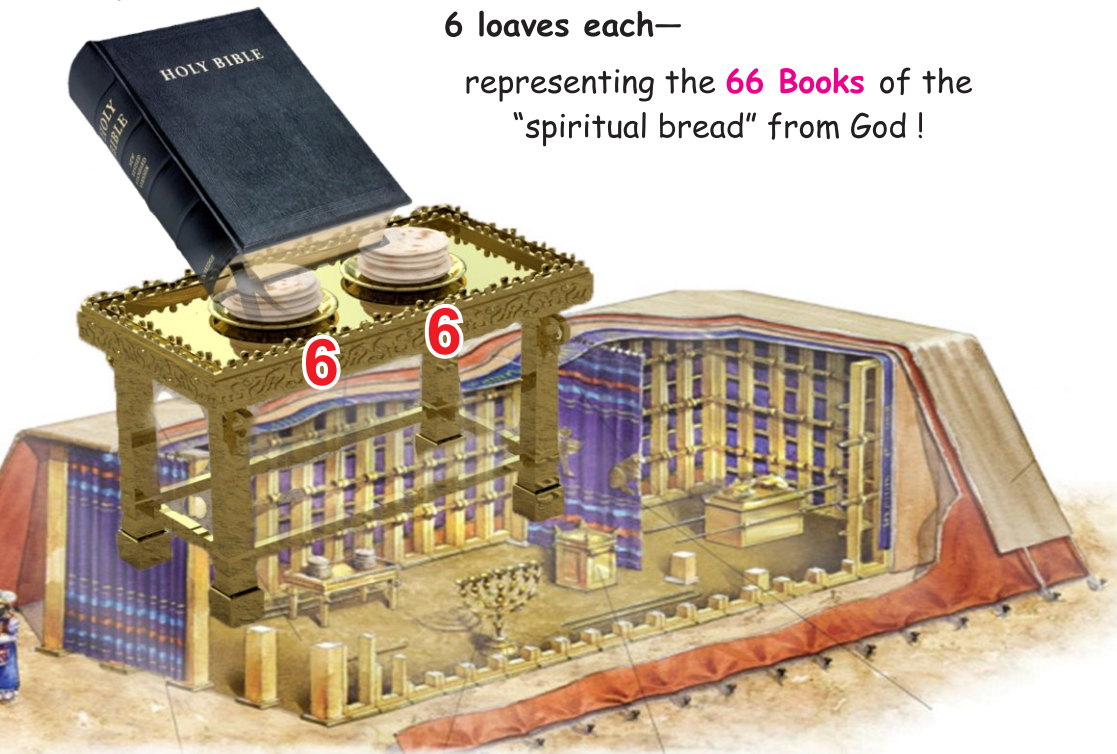
The **OLD** Testament contains **39 Books** while the **NEW** Testament contains **27** !

The Bible **TOTALLY** contains **66 Books** - A Book of Books !


Some Christians like the Roman Catholic friends are of the opinion that there are more than 66 books to the Bible ! Rather than enter into an argument of who is right, let us turn to the Word of God itself for the answer!

This is proven in **Leviticus 24:5-7** where the " bread of presence" in the "HOLY" of the Tabernacle is in **2 rows of 6 loaves each**—

representing the **66 Books** of the "spiritual bread" from God !




(In the Scriptures, "BREAD" is used to represent every word that proceed out of the **MOUTH OF GOD**, thus signifying it as **FOOD** - **Jeremiah 15:16**, **Deuteronomy 8:3.**)



 The **FIRST FIVE** Books of the Old Testament is called - the **PENTATEUCH** and were written by Moses.

The Jews call it **THE TORAH**.

It is very sacred to them -the **LAW** from God !



 This Bible took an **UNBELIEVABLE 1700 YEARS** to be written. !

 The Old Testament took **1600 years**
 and the New Testament **100 years**.

No other book in this world can boast of such a long period for its composition !

 **Which was the first book to be written of the Bible ?**

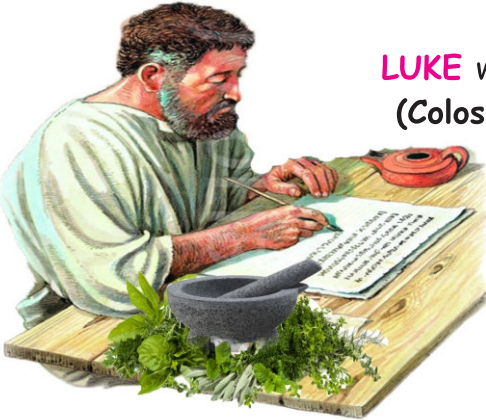
The **BOOK OF JOB** was the **FIRST** book to be written and **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** is the **LAST** to be written in 96 A.D.



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A total of 40 **AUTHORS** were used of God as His instruments from different and varying backgrounds to record His Word -.



LUKE was a doctor.
(Colossians 4:14)

PAUL was a Pharisee.
(Acts 23:6)

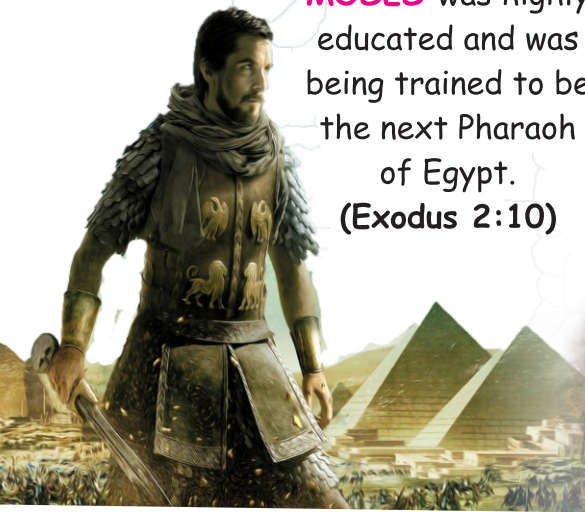


MATTHEW was a Tax Collector.
(Luke 5:27,28)



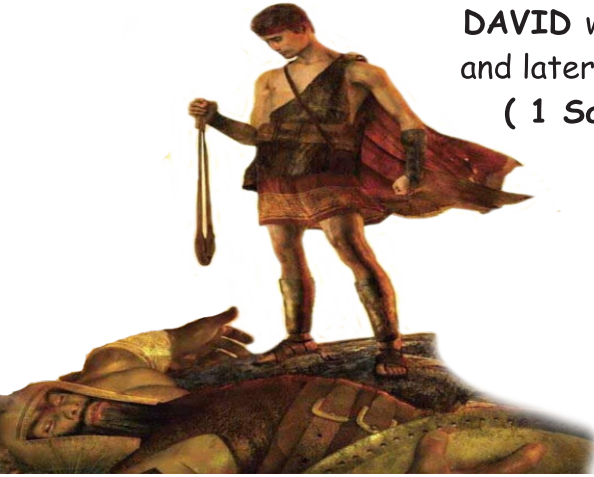
AMOS was a poor shepherd. (Amos 7:14)

MOSES was highly educated and was being trained to be the next Pharaoh of Egypt.
(Exodus 2:10)



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DAVID was a Shepherd
and later become a King.
(1 Samuel 16:19)



SOLOMON was a King.
(1Kings 2:12)

PETER was a fisherman as also JOHN, etc. Etc.

(Matthew 4:18-21)



The most **WONDERFUL AND UNBELIEVABLE THING**
about the Bible is that, it is **TOTALLY IN HARMONY** and
without any contradiction at all.

**Thus we come to understand that the REAL
Author is GOD HIMSELF using human
instrumentality !!**

We read and confirm this matter in-

Hebrews 1:1,2; 2 Timothy 3:16



“God , who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”



“All scripture is given by inspiration of God ,and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction , for instruction in righteousness:”

Then we see that among so many books in this world the Bible is the **MOST READ BOOK** with even non-christian leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru and Dalai Lama reading it.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT !!

The fact is that India's Independence was gained through the Bible !

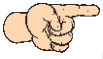
MAHATMA GANDHI -the “father of the nation” of India was greatly influenced by the Bible. He was specially touched by this verse in-

Matthew 5:39

“But I say unto you , That ye resist not evil:
but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek , turn to him the other also.”

It became the **BASIS** of the “Non Violence ”or” Ahimsa Movement” through which India became independent. Even today the above verse is found in the Indian Parliament house.

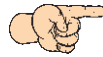
But few know it is from the Bible. They all think it is Mahatma Gandhi's words !!



Then we see that the Bible is also the **MOST PRINTED** book, with the first printed page from the printing press being from the Bible in the year - **1454 A.D.**



It is now printed in more than **2000 LANGUAGES** of the world.



But with all this-

The Bible is also the **MOST MISUNDERSTOOD** book with its language and symbols greatly

misunderstood by even a great **MAJORITY** of Christians themselves !!

Yes ! The Bible is the SPIRITUAL food from God to Man.

Let us read of this in-

Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3; Jeremiah 15:16



But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”



“.....that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live”



“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:.....”

And just like how Natural Food is **VERY VARIED IN NATURE** and the nutrition is suited to the different stages of development, so too it is with **SPIRITUAL FOOD**. **HOW, YOU MAY ASK ?**

We see the answer in-

Hebrews 5:12-14

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”



Yes ! Here Apostle Paul shows **VERY CLEARLY** the varied Spiritual food -



“Milk” and “solid food”,

Just as growing babies move from

MILK ONLY to solid food

so too must be the progress and

GROWTH spiritually.



But as the apostle says many are found to have **NO GROWTH** at all as he says in -

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers , ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God;...”

What is meant by “milk” ?

We find the answer in-
Hebrews 6:1-3

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ , let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works , and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms , and of laying on of hands , and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement. And this will we do , if God permit.”



Yes! All the **ELEMENTARY BASIC DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS** are the “milk” of God's Word

This is further expressed by the Apostle Peter too in-

1 Peter 2 :2

“As newborn babes , DESIRE the sincere milk of the word , that ye may grow thereby:”

Yes! All **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** must begin with “milk” as it is in **NATURAL GROWTH**.

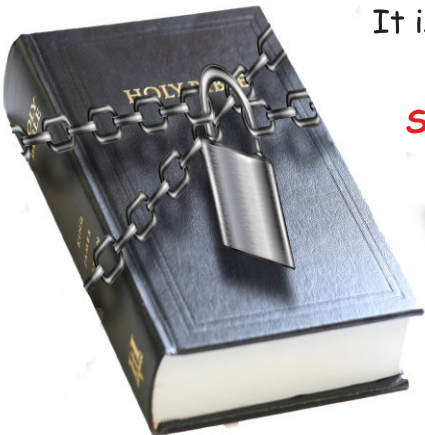


Now let us come to the **IMPORTANT** question of **HOW** to study the Bible.

It is such a difficult book to understand.

It seems to be a locked book !

SURELY THERE MUST BE.....THE KEYS TO UNLOCK THE BIBLE !



WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO UNLOCK THE BIBLE ?

Yes! By God's grace **today** we are going to see the **THREE** "golden keys" to unlock the Bible.

The "golden" here representing that which is **DIVINE** as these "keys" are of God.

We shall begin with -



Isaiah 28:10

**"For precept must be upon precept , precept upon precept;
line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little:"**

DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS VERSE MEANS ?

Well ! The answer is usually- **NO !**

To better understand the verse we must examine its context as seen in the pervious verse-

verse 9 - "Whom shall he teach knowledge ? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine ?...."

Yes! The **CONTEXT** is how to study and understand the teachings (doctrines) of the Bible.

This is the "**FIRST GOLDEN KEY**" verse in studying the scriptures —

**"Precept upon precept"
and...."rule upon rule"**

What does this mean ? —

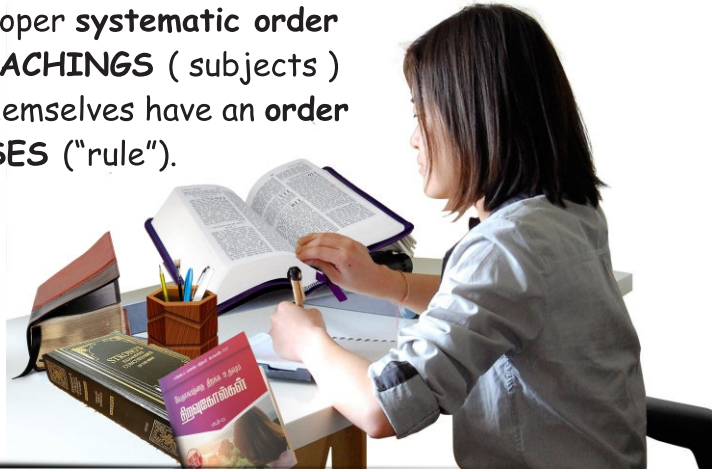
Here "precept" means.....**TEACHINGS** or **SUBJECTS** and "rule" means.....**VERSES**

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There is to be a proper **systematic order** of the study of **TEACHINGS** (subjects) and the subjects themselves have an **order** of **VERSES** ("rule").



But **NOTE** the last part —
“**here a little and there a little**”



THE VERSES REQUIRED FOR STUDY ARE SCATTERED IN THE BIBLE AS THEY ARE.....

“.....here a little and there a little.”



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?


Let us take an **EXAMPLE** : Did you know that the Bible speaks of a man who never died ?

YES ! HIS NAME IS.... ENOCH



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The story of **ENOCH** in the Bible is found in three verses only and they are all spread out in the Bible in. The first scripture we find in - **Genesis 5:24.....**
and then **Hebrews 11:5** and then **Jude 14**



This is the principle of **"here a little and there a little"**
Again, why is the mention made **TWICE** of -

"....precept upon precept , precept upon precept; line upon line , line upon line....."

As we have already seen the word **"precept"** refers to **TEACHINGS** or **SUBJECTS** and the word **"rule"** refers to **VERSES**.

The mentioning of the matter **TWICE** refers to the fact that **ALL BIBLE STUDY** must involve the **TWO PARTS** of God's word -

The **OLD TESTAMENT** and the **NEW TESTAMENT**.

So, why are the verses **"here a little and there a little"**
in the Bible ?

We read of the reasons in-

Isaiah 34:17

"And He hath cast the lot for them , and His hand hath divided it unto them by line; they shall possess it for ever , from generation to generation shall they dwell therein."

Here the word **"lot"** might seem strange to understand !



IN WHAT WAY WOULD GOD CAST A....."LOT" FOR HIS TRUTH ?



Well, in the practice of casting "lots" a single sheet of paper was torn into pieces and the names of the persons involved in that "lot" was written upon the pieces of paper and finally the "lot" was cast !

Similarly God for **EACH** of His doctrines and **TEACHINGS** of **TRUTH** has divided them into....."pieces" or....."verses".

Yes! God Himself has **DIVIDED** the truth — "by line" -that is..... through **VERSES** and then God has taken the various verses pertaining to the **TEACHINGS** and **HIDDEN** and distributed these all over the 66 Books of the **BIBLE!**



**THIS IS THE DIVINE SYSTEM OF LOCKING
THE TRUTH!!**



Why does God **LOCK** the truth ?

Because it is very **PRECIOUS** and not to be dishonored and **MISUSED.**

Thus mankind too store and **LOCK** their precious **VALUABLES** in **SAFES** and **COMPLICATED LOCKERS !!**



HOW MUCH MORE PRECIOUS ARE THE TRUTHS OF GOD ?

Thus we see the Bible is a "LOCKED" and "CODED" Book.



How then do we OPEN it ?

We read of the answer in -

Isaiah 34:16

"Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want its mate: for My mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them."

Yes ! Here we see that one needs to **SEARCH** and **SEEK** in the Word of God for those verses.

Every verse has "its mate" !

What does this mean ?

We know "mate" is a reference to a pair.

Thus "male" and "female" are a pair, as also in electrical wiring a "positive" and "negative" wire are a pair.



But what is the "pair" that is being referred to over here ?

This refers to every **verse of question** having a corresponding or **answering verse** !

Yes ! There is an **ANSWER** to every **question** in the Bible !

But, one needs God's Spirit to "gather" or find them and the order (**John 16:13**),

So there is to be a **SYSTEMATIC STUDY** of subjects with the verses to be studied all scattered in all the 66 Books of the Bible.

Before we go to the **second "GOLDEN KEY"** of how to study the Bible let us study A **CURIOUS MATTER** and its meaning —

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Isaiah 28:10,13

(Read Completely)

Notice the similarity in language and **YET GREAT DIFFERENCE** in these 2 verses !

What do they mean ?

THEY SPEAK OF.....TWO BIBLE STUDIES !!

For we have already read earlier of -

Isaiah 28:10

**“For precept must be upon precept ,precept upon precept;
line upon line ,line upon line; here a little and there a little:”**

This Bible study mentioned over here takes you **FORWARD** in knowing or gaining the knowledge of the truth.

And then we read the other verse in -

Isaiah 28:13

“But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept , precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This Bible study takes you **BACKWARDS** in knowledge or causes one to **LOSE** the way of truth !

And note the language used and its meanings !

“be broken and snared and taken”
— represents



.....getting caught in **FALSE** doctrines and **ERRORS** of **UNTRUTH** !

**Then the question arises-
HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS TRUTH ?**

We find that answer in-

John 17:17

“ ...thy word is truth. ”

Having known this important matter, now.....
how does one know that



.....THIS IS THE RIGHT BIBLE STUDY ? !

Yes !By **A TEST OF DOCTRINAL BELIEFS** taught !



Yes ! Are the teachings according to the scriptures ?

Let us apply a scripture test..... **“Does a soul have blood” ?**

The majority answer - **NO** !

But we teach that the soul **DOES** have blood !

Because we read in the King James Version (KJV) Bible
that it is so in -

Jeremiah 2:34

**“Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents:
I have not found it by secret search , but upon all these.”**

Yes! the Bible teaches us that..... **all souls have “blood”** .



ARE YOU SURPRISED ????

Ah! We will be studying about **THE HUMAN SOUL** in
GREAT DETAIL in future classes !

So **ALWAYS TEST** whether all that you learn from
your Bible class is having a scriptural basis and whether



there is a verse supporting the belief for the Bible itself warns of.....**FALSE TEACHING** and **FALSE BIBLE STUDIES**.

Now we come to the second " **GOLDEN KEY**" in the study of the Bible —



2 Timothy 2:15

"STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God , a workman that needeth not to be ashamed , rightly dividing the word of truth"



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Herein is a secret ! We know that among mankind written language has many forms-



.....**POETICAL, DRAMATIC, PROSE ETC.**

So too the Bible has been written by God in **THREE forms of language** —

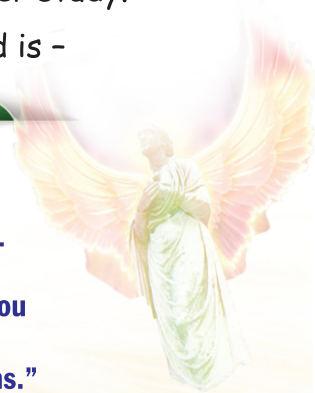
being used in the scripture passage under study.

The **FIRST FORM** of language used is -

LITERAL LANGUAGE

Examples : **Matthew 1:21 / Genesis 1:1**

"And she shall bring forth a son , and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."





“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

A large portion of the Bible is written in this form of **DIRECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE** literal language.

It poses no difficulty in understanding at all.

But let us remember that the **ENTIRE** Bible is **NOT** written in this form of **LITERAL LANGUAGE** only !!

Yes ! The **SECOND FORM** of language used is -

2. PARABOLIC LANGUAGE

These are small passages or “**little stories**” which are.....not to be taken literally but **SPIRITUALLY**. —that is....., they have



.....**A SPIRITUAL MEANING OR SIGNIFICANCE** behind them.

Let us examine **AN EXAMPLE** of parabolic language to understand this matter better.

Let us now turn to a very popular parable recorded in -

Luke 15:3-7

(Read completely)

(THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP)

“And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it ? And when he hath found it , he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home , he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons , which need no repentance.”

Ah! Yes ! This is a very popular parable and is usually read out **AT THE BAPTISM** of a newcomer to Christianity. For such a one is thought to be.....- **“the lost sheep”** Many think that this verse in vs-7 refers to **INDIVIDUAL** sinners and



.....their **REPENTANCE** and turning to God .

-But let us examine the verse carefully —

“I say unto you , that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.”

If this refers to **INDIVIDUAL** sinners then who are the **“Ninety nine just persons that need no repentance”** ?

Let us see the answer to this question in —

Romans 3:10

“As it is written ,There is none righteous , no , not one:”

There ! Regarding all mankind the position is **VERY CLEAR !**



THEN WHO ARE THESE 99 “JUST PERSONS” ?

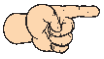
Ah, Yes ! This is a parable **NOT** referring to.....individual sinners **AT ALL !**

Let us now see the meanings —

Jesus is here speaking of a certain man having 100 sheep.

Wealth in those days was calculated in terms of sheep, cattle, camels etc. **Example:** Abraham, Job etc.





This is a picture of God the **OWNER** and **CREATOR**
OF ALL CREATION who is also referred to as
 the “shepherd” in Psalms 23:1.

WHO ARE GOD'S SHEEP ?



The “Sheep” → symbolizes the various obedient
 creations of God.



The 100 number → refers to the various **SPECIES** of
 God's creations — animals, birds, fish ,insects, plants,
 angels, cherubim, man etc,

The number 100 signifies a **round** number of all creations -
the creations itself far outnumber 100 !



Now of all God's creations, only.... **ONE** "sheep" or **SPECIES** was "lost" —

-the lost race of mankind..... as we read in -



They are **COMPLETELY** as a race lost to sin and its wages - death ! (Romans 6:23)



THEN WHAT DID GOD DO ?

Yes ! He sent his only begotten son Jesus to search for that "lost sheep"

-the lost race of mankind..... as we read in -

John 3:16  **"For God SO LOVED THE world, that he GAVE His only begotten Son,....."**

Yes ! We will study in later classes the **GRAND PLAN** that God has made for the **SALVATION** of the **WHOLE HUMAN RACE**.

Yes! And at the end..... there will be great rejoicing in heaven when mankind is delivered from the condemnation of

sin and death and given an **ETERNAL LIFE**.

There is much more to the understanding of this parable which we will study in greater detail in later classes.



But this is an example of understanding parabolic language...!!

Now to the **THIRD** form of language used -

3. SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE

This is the language where symbols are used to hide the meaning of great prophecies, etc.

The Book of Revelation is a book **FULL** of symbols as we read in -

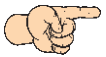
Revelation 1:1

“and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:” - (KJV)

This language is also found in many other books of the Bible like Ezekiel, Daniel, etc.

Symbols in **NATURE** around us like **wind, water, hill, mountain, city, clouds, trees, grass, horns, fire, etc.** are used and each have **THEIR MEANINGS** found right in the Bible itself. !

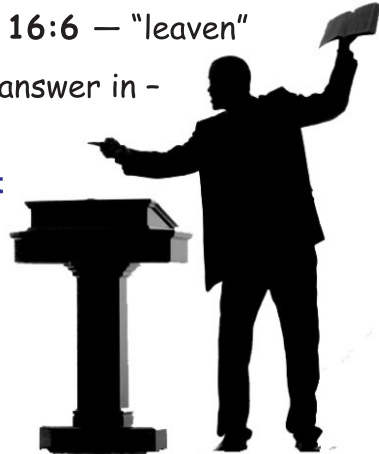
Let us take an example in : **Matthew 16:6** — “leaven”



What is its meaning ? Let us read the answer in -

Matthew 16:12

“Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread , but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”



Yes ! The doctrines of the Pharisees and the Sadducees were.... **FALSE DOCTRINES** as we read in -
Acts 23:8 - “ **For the sadducees say that there is no resurrection , neither angel , nor spirit:...**”

Yes ! Thus.....“leaven” is as the Lord tells us
 - a symbol for **FALSE DOCTRINES** and.....**FALSE TEACHINGS.**

Now let us take the study of **ONE FULL VERSE** of symbolic language in -

Ecclesiastes 11:1

“ **CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.**”



IS THIS TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY ?

If you put bread in water, it dissolves almost immediately, leaving no residue !

So how can you find it..... “**after many days**” ?

Ah, Yes ! **THIS IS SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE !!**

The three symbols used are :

1.“**bread**”, 2. “**waters**”, 3. “**after many days**”

Now let us see their meanings-



Bread → means **THE WORD OF GOD** — the “spiritual” bread

(**Jeremiah 15:16 / Matthew 4:4**)



Waters → refers to **THE WORLD** of “peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues” as we read in **Revelation 17:15.**



“**after many days**” → refers to the period of **THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH** when

when we read that only **THEN** will
ALL the people repent and turn to God as we read in-

Psalms 22:27, 28

**“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD:
 and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
 For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.”**



DID YOU SEE THAT ? !

Thus this verse speaks of **WITNESSING** the truth **NOW**
 before the people without expecting any results **now** but
 rather in the future.

Thus one must “rightly divide the word of truth”
 or **CORRECTLY** identify and understand the
 language form used in order to gain the truth.

If symbolic language is being used one must **NOT** take it as
 literal language and...while
 literal language is being used one must **NOT** take it
 parabolically and vice versa.

Now let us come to the **THIRD** “**GOLDEN KEY**”-



The **THIRD** “key” to Bible study is —
 A **TOPICAL** study of various subjects by searching for
 the verses on those subjects “**here a little and there a little**” in
 the Bible.

Example : The subjects of **Soul, Salvation, Baptism, Church**, etc.



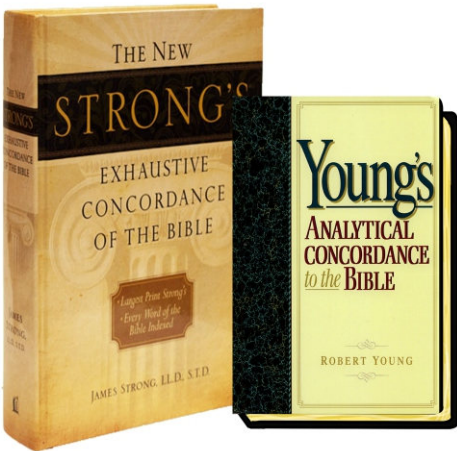
You may wonder how all scriptures relating to **specific words** in the Bible can be identified and found.



IT IS A GIGANTIC TASK !

But God's grace is upon Christians now in these **LAST DAYS**.

Yes! To assist in finding the various verses on **specific subjects** today we have **CONCORDANCES** in which are listed all verses corresponding to various words.



The two most reliable concordances are written by **—YOUNG** and.....**STRONG**.



Thus a **mere reading of the Bible** from Genesis to Revelation, from chapter to chapter will **NOT REALLY** help you to find the truth for it is —

“here a little and there a little.”

Thus by following this method a very **FRUITFUL** and **BLESSED** study can be made of various subjects in the Bible and one can gain the **TRUTH** from God's **Word**.

Having understood these **“THREE GOLDEN KEYS”** to Bible study, let us finally study a few examples how the Word of God is **SYMBOLIZED**-



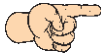
"Fire and hammer"



Jeremiah 23:29

**"Is not my word like a fire? saith the LORD;
and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"**

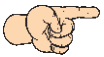
Yes! Here God's word is being compared to **"FIRE"** and **"HAMMER"**.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Fire is an element that **BOTH** destroys and.....purifies !!
In case of metals fire serves in purifying from many impurities.

So too, the Word of God like fire **DESTROYS** sin and
PURIFIES the heart from every sin and impurity.



Then the **"hammer"** being referred to here is the very
LARGE and **STRONG** rock hammer used to break large
stones !

So too the Word of God is like **A GREAT HAMMER** that
breaks and sets free hearts that have hardened as stone in
SIN and **SELFISHNESS**.

Then we read of the symbol-

"Light"

Psalms 119:105

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet , and a light unto my path."

Yes ! Here the word of God is symbolized as - "light"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ? 

To understand the symbols clearer we must read from -

Isaiah 60:2

"For behold , the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:...."

Yes ! This is not **LITERAL** "darkness" but **SYMBOLIC DARKNESS !**

The whole world and its people are said to be covered **"in darkness"**.

The meaning of this **"darkness"** is understood when we see the symbol of **"light"**.

Yes ! The **"light"** of God's Word is the **TRUTH (John 17:17)**

 And "darkness" signifies..... **UNTRUTH.**

The Word of God is the "light" (TRUTH) in a world full of "darkness" (UNTRUTH).

 Then we read of another symbol -

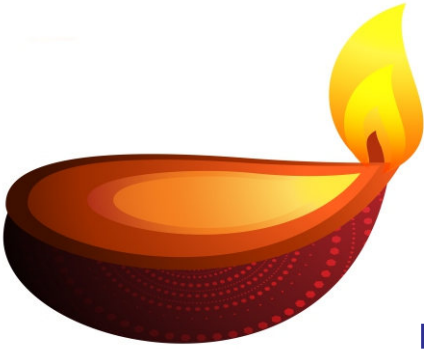
"Sword"

Ephesians 6:17

"....and the sword of the spirit , which is the word of God:...."

Yes! The Word is here symbolized as a sword !

The sword is a weapon of warfare, but here the meaning is **SPIRITUAL.**



Yes! The Word of God is the weapon for spiritual warfare **against wickedness and evil** as we read in **Hebrews 4:12**

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword,.....”

The sharp edges on both sides symbolise how the truth of **GOD'S WORD** affects both **THE HEARERS** and.... **THE SPEAKER !!**

Finally we read of another symbol

“Food”

Deuteronomy 8:3

“....that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord.....”

Here the Word of God is symbolised as **“food”**.

Yes! It is the **SPIRITUAL FOOD** for “life” and “growth” for mankind as he proceeds

towards and gains the **understanding** and....
the **means** to gain.....

ETERNAL LIFE.

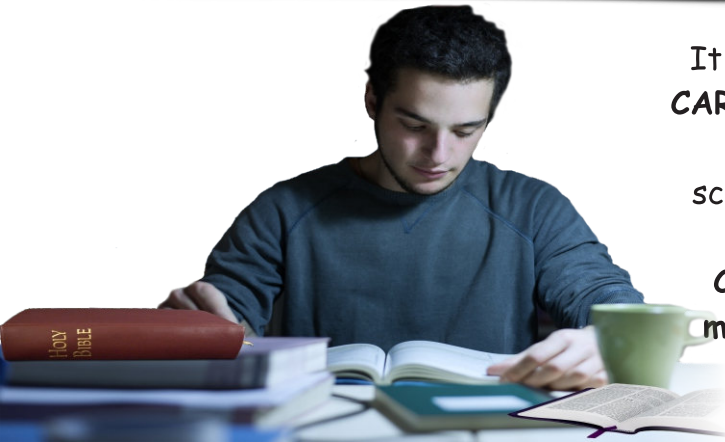


In conclusion we read from-

2 Timothy 3:16,17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Yes! A proper and **COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THE TRUTHS**
is essential..... in the service of God.

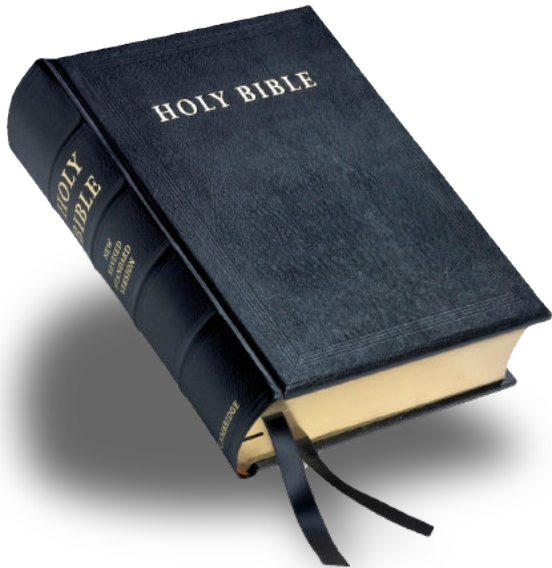


It is necessary to pay **CAREFUL ATTENTION** to this scripture and **STUDY** the scriptures **CORRECTLY** to be **men (and women) of God.**

YES ! TODAY WE HAVE TAKEN..... THE FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION !

---Amen !---





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