

Unlocking the “Bible Code”! Why is the Bible so Hard to Understand?

To most people the Holy Bible is a patchwork of stories and pieces of history. It has little meaning or purpose for many in today’s fast paced world.

Why is the Bible so hard to understand? Why is it so confusing and difficult to comprehend? And what is it about all those parables anyway?

Some say people try to prove anything they want to out of the pages of the Bible. They create a new baby out of their cherished ideas and beliefs. Then they comb the Scriptures to find verses they may stretch to fit their beliefs.

So what is the answer to discerning the Word of God?

The Bible is a Sealed Book

The Bible is a sealed book. Jesus said, “...I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because **Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes**” (Matt. 11:25). It is the Father that must reveal the knowledge of spiritual things to us. We see in John 6:44 that Jesus said, “No man can come to Me [that means you will not be able to understand the Bible—Jesus Christ in writing; the Word of God], **except the Father which hath sent Me draw him**: and I will raise him up at the last day.” The mind of the average person has been sealed so he cannot comprehend anything spiritual.

The book of Revelation came from the Father sealed with seven seals. Only Jesus was accounted worthy to break those seven seals and reveal the contents of the book (see Rev. 5).

So, with all this hiding and sealing going on, how are we to have any understanding of the Word of God?

Human wisdom, by itself, will not unlock the pages of the Bible to our comprehension. The deep truths of the Bible will never be gained by trusting in one’s own intellect. Spiritual understanding is not based on our superior, human intelligence! The Bible is written in such a way that it is impossible to decipher its spiritual meaning and content with human insight alone.

But if you want to understand the Bible—God’s instruction book for mankind, it is possible to learn more than you ever thought possible!

Here are keys to unlocking the Code to Bible comprehension:

- (1) Humble yourself
- (2) Ask
- (3) Seek
- (4) Knock
- (5) Obedience
- (6) Here a little, there a little
- (7) Need of the Holy Spirit

If you want to begin to grasp the contents of the Bible, the first action you must take is: **(1) Humble yourself before God.** In Isaiah 66:2 God has said, "...to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.*" Don't expect to understand the Bible until you are willing to respect both God the Father and Jesus Christ—His Word in writing.

Then **(2) Ask God to unlock its meaning for you.** If you want to understand the Bible, you must ask the author for understanding. This ability to perceive spiritual things is a gift from the Father. In Luke 11:13 (NKJV) we see that, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" The Holy Spirit is the key to spiritual understanding.

Jesus said, **[2] "Ask,** and it shall be given you; **[3] Seek,** and ye shall find; **[4] Knock,** and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:7-8).

To decipher the Bible, you must not be afraid to ask God for the vision to see spiritual things. And when you ask, you must do so in faith. But when you ask, do it with a humble, sincere attitude of wanting a closer relationship with the creator of the universe.

We must be tenacious (keep knocking) about looking to God for the answers to the big questions of life. Never give up on God. Keep reading and studying His Word.

One of the reasons the Bible is so hard for the average person to understand is found in Rom. 8:5-9, "... they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **So then they that are in the flesh [concerned about physical things] cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.**" You see, having the Holy Spirit of the Father and Christ working within your mind and heart is necessary to comprehending the Word of God.

In Act 5:32 it says, “And we are His witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the **Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him.**” We also see in Luke 6:46 there is no need to call Jesus Christ our Lord unless we are willing to obey and do what He says. We learn then that **(5) Obedience** is required for further understanding of the Bible. If we have no intention of obeying the Word of God, then God will not release further spiritual knowledge to us!

In Isaiah 28:9-13 we learn another key to unlocking Bible understanding, “Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? *Them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. **(6) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:** For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, ‘This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing’: yet they would not hear. 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.” Part of **(3) Seeking God** is to realize the secret knowledge of God is hidden throughout the Bible; a little here and a little there.

We see then the Bible is written in such a way that its meaning and purpose remain obscure to the average reader. This is done by breaking the truth up into little pieces here and there throughout the Word. God didn’t intend to allow the masses to understand His secret plan. Therefore, it is written with a little information here and a little more knowledge over there so the understanding is not revealed.

In I Cor. 2:14 we see, “... the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because **they are spiritually discerned.**” The things about God and His mysterious plan for mankind are spiritually revealed.

I Cor. 2:14 (NLT) says, “... people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.”

If you want to begin the greatest and most valuable quest of your life, then ask God for a humble heart and mind. Seek Him with all your being. **(7) Ask God to place His Holy Spirit within you** so you can “...grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...” (II Pet. 3:18).

God says, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me. I will be found by you,’ says the LORD...” (Jer. 29:11-14 NLT).

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