

**Series Title:**

**“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”**

*(A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)*

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**Sermon Title:**

**“How Should We Study Bible Prophecy?”**

(Part 1)

**Sermon Text:**

Selected Scripture

**Introduction:**

**A Fundamental Mistake:** The wrong \_\_\_\_\_ inevitably results in wrong \_\_\_\_\_!

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ For Proper Biblical Interpretation**

- Proper \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical truth is dependent upon a correct \_\_\_\_\_ of it!
- *II Timothy 2:15*
- The phrase “*handled accurately*” comes from a Greek word that literally means “*to \_\_\_\_\_*” or “*to \_\_\_\_\_*.”

*“If our goal is to ‘rightly divide the Word of Truth,’ then it is critically important that we use the right principles of interpretation so as to properly understand God’s Truth.”*

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Proper Biblical Interpretation**

- The word “*hermeneutics*” comes from the Greek word *hermeneuo* which means “to \_\_\_\_\_.” *Hermeneutics* is to Bible study what a \_\_\_\_\_ is to a \_\_\_\_\_!
- *II Peter 1:19-20*
- We can’t have a “*sure word*” about the meaning of Scripture unless we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to interpret the words.
- *How can there be so many disagreements today between Christians who claim to use the Bible as the basis of their faith?*
- The basic problem in understanding the Word of God has to do with the matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ To Proper Biblical Interpretation**

- Three of the most common hindrances to proper interpretation:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

- *Since the Holy Spirit reveals truth, we must be in \_\_\_\_\_ with him in order to receive it!*

2) \_\_\_\_\_

*“The goal of hermeneutics is not to feed our intellectual pride or mere academic interests but that we might be better interpreters of Scripture in order that we might discern God’s will and, as a result, glorify Him!”*

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- None of us comes to the Bible \_\_\_\_\_! Each one of us brings our own presuppositions or \_\_\_\_\_.

#### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Proper Biblical Interpretation

##### A. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (I Corinthians 2:14-16)

- *Apart from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to fully comprehend God’s Word!*
- While the unsaved may know something of the Bible’s primary focus, the fact is that they remain \_\_\_\_\_ as to its \_\_\_\_\_! (II Corinthians 3:14-16)

##### B. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

- Illumination, in the spiritual sense, is “\_\_\_\_\_” of understanding.
- *John 14:26; 16:12-15; Ephesians 1:17-18; I Corinthians 2:10-13*
- *Psalms 119:18; Psalm 119:34; Psalm 119:73; Psalm 119:125*

##### C. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

- It’s not enough to merely \_\_\_\_\_ the truth; we must go on to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth!
- *Ezra 7:10; Psalm 119:112; James 1:22*

#### Conclusion:

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.