

Series: The Wonder of the Word of God

“Approaching the Word of God”

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-19; 23-26

1. Genre of Scripture

- a. Narrative - Genesis 37:2
- b. Discourse - Matthew 5-7
- c. Poetry - Psalm 42:1-3
- d. Prophecy – Isaiah 20:1-3
- e. Epistle – Romans 1:1-7
- f. Gospel – Mark 1:1
- g. Wisdom – Proverbs 1:1-5
- h. Parable – Mark 4:2
- i. Ethical – Deuteronomy 5-10

2. Reliability of Scripture – Psalm 19:7, 9b; Proverbs 30:5

- a. Accepted
- b. Preserved

3. Objections of Scripture – Questions about possible contradictions

- a. Historical
- b. Scientific
- c. Doctrinal/Moral Problems

4. Final Consideration Regarding Contradictions

- a. Insights into approaching difficulties
- b. Approaching Scripture

Take Home Applications:

- A. Be fully persuaded in your own mind that an adequate explanation exists.
- B. Carefully study the context and framework of the verse.
- C. In the case of parallel passages, the only method that can be justified is harmonization.
- D. Consult the best commentaries.
- E. Many Bible difficulties result from a minor error on the part of a copyist in the transmission of the text.
- F. Always remember that the Bible is itself an Archaeologist document of the highest caliber.
- G. Stand on the trustfulness of scripture.