

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DISPENSATIONALISM?

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The Four Foundational Pillars of Dispensationalism

- _____ revelation
- **Literal Interpretation of Scripture**
- **Distinction between _____ and the Church**
- _____ eschatology

Literal Interpretation

- **Basic Definition:**
 - Literal interpretation is the attempt “to employ principles of plain, normal, or historical-grammatical interpretation _____” to the Scriptures.
 - Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, p. 24.
- **Important Question:**
 - Are we free to interpret large sections of Scripture as _____ or symbolism?
 - Allegory = “a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden _____, typically a moral or political one.”(Oxford)
 - Example: *Pilgrim’s _____* by John Bunyan
- **Principles of Proper Interpretation:**
 - Plenary, _____ inspiration—
 - Prov. 30:5-6: _____
 - Plenary = _____
 - Verbal = words
 - No private interpretation—
 - 2 Pet. 1:20-21: _____
 - Private interpretation = personal, individual explanation, disclosure
 - Not of human _____, and therefore, not subject to human _____ or imaginative interpretations
 - _____ approach to interpretation—
 - Plenary, verbal:
 - Matt. 5:18: _____
 - Matt. 4:4: _____
 - Literal, _____
 - Matt. 19:4-6: _____
 - _____

- Matt. 22:29-32: _____
 - Teaching based on the _____ of the verb, “to be.”
- Rules of literal interpretation—
 - Literal = _____, normal sense of the words
 - The Bible does contain _____ of speech, symbolism, and even allegories, but in general:
 - “If the plain sense makes _____, seek no other sense.”
 - Helpful questions to ask:
 - Literal—“If I were reading this passage for the first time without any preconceived _____, what does it seem to be saying?”
 - Historical—“What would it have meant to the people to whom it was originally _____?”
 - If you consistently interpret Scripture literally, you will be a _____.
 - “Thou shalt understand, therefore, that the scripture hath but one sense, which is the _____ sense. And that literal sense is the root and ground of all, and the anchor that never faileth, whereunto if thou cleave, thou canst never err or go out of the way. And if thou _____ the literal sense, thou canst not but go out of the way...”
 - William _____, *The Obedience of a Christian Man*

Conclusion

- **What is your _____ to the Word of God?**
 - Not just in interpretation, but _____?
 - Are you _____ by every word of God?