

# **Pre-Plan Study**

## **The Rules of Engagement**

The Purpose of this study is to establish some “rules” for studying the scripture. I use this study between the *Proof that the Bible is the Word of God*, and *God’s Plan of Salvation* booklets. It has helped me transition between one study to the next, and it allows me to set some scriptural precedence on the interpretation of the scriptures. My experience has been that if I do this before we study on issues where usual objections like “that is your interpretation” or “God could change his mind” come up, it is more effective to be able to refer back to previously studied principles, then to go through them at this point. An additional purpose for doing this is to pre-establish in their minds that God is a God that is logical, orderly, and definitive in the absolute truth of his Word.

**II Corinthians 11:13-15** I begin with this scripture and establish that Satan is running a counterfeit operation. The most effective counterfeits resemble the original very closely. In the banking world they train employees to detect counterfeits by handling and examining the true item over and over. By knowing the true item intimately, they can detect counterfeits. The same holds true for the scriptures. God wants us to know his word to detect counterfeits.

**I Corinthians 14:33** God’s desire is for us to know the truth not confuse us.

**Isaiah 1:18-20** Reasonable God. No leap of Faith. Analogy of Fire. (Mr. Wilson’s Pre Plan Study) John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. Greek word Logos, where we get our word logic from. Emotional response = Build a fire with Gasoline and paper no kindling, big flame then goes out. Reasoned faith = Start a little fire with a little paper, a spark, and kindling. Starts slowly but can be built as big as necessary. God is a God of Reason.

**Numbers 23:19** God does not lie, he speaks and makes good.

**I Samuel 15:29** God does not change his mind. Period. He lays a plan into effect and carries it out.

**Hebrews 6:18** Not only doesn’t, impossible for god to change his mind. God is not going to jerk the rug out from underneath us in the middle by changing the plan. Charlie Brown and Lucy. She always pulls the football away when Charlie Brown goes to kick it. Not God’s program wants us to have reasonable, confident faith.

**John 10:35** Unbreakable. Misperceive faith in the unsinkable Titanic, life boats left ship partially empty. Complete faith in unbreakable scriptures, great confidence in God’s plan for Salvation.

**II Timothy 3:16-17** Key words “All” and “Inspired”. Inspired = God Breathed. The Purpose so that the man of God may be adequate and equipped. God through his Word is going to supply every thing we need.

**II Peter 1:20-21** Inspired, God Breathed. Scripture interprets the scripture.

**I Peter 1:10-12** Those prophesying were serving us. Complete Word of God.

**Isaiah 28:9-13** Add the scriptures up. No scripture can mean less than what it says, but can mean more in light of other verses. Scripture is like a tapestry that shows all of God’s plan from beginning to end. Every part works together and must fit. If we see something that does not fit, we need to study further to see how it fits.

**Revelations 22:18-20** The complete word of God. There is no further Revelation of God’s plan that what is found between Genesis 1:1 and Revelations 22:21.

**II Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves. In the beginning we talked about handling the truth to detect counterfeits, the same applies to us spiritually. The Bible is the test and Answer key in one. Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith.