

HOW READEST THOU? #4

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Miller's Rule

1) Read a passage literally unless proven to be spiritual.

The common ways of Understanding the Bible

We need to:

- *Have humility
- *Plead for the Holy Spirit
- *Pray without ceasing all day
- *Many Don't know how to have a Devotional Life

Those who understand the rules are those who understand Truth.
It's the only way.

Rules: Everyone uses rules to a certain degree—Intuitively/subC.
You can go for a good distance using the rules that way,

Example: LION

Sampson vs Lion

Lion of the Tribe of Judah

But to go to the next Level, and the next,

Rules need to be formalized.

Also,

Can't say "when I'm convicted" I'll believe: what you're really saying is I don't agree—I'll ask God directly and He'll show me

No Rules→Spiritualism—Replacing a Thus saith the Lord with my words

What's needed: Humility:

Ethopian Unich—A High ranking officer

-I can read, but I don't understand.

People: won't wrestle with the rules, but want to wrestle with God—Expecting to get answers from another route or way.

Jesus Says: "I am the way the Truth, and the Life"

"If I be lifted up"

We've already accepted this...you can't say this is something New.

Pray—God teach me how to understand and use the rules

Pray not—God give me some alternative way of understanding

This reveals a Spirit of Distrust in God's appointed messengers and message.

God is leading out a movement not individuals.

“pray about it” is wrong advice unless you mean pray to understand how to use the Rules.

Because the Answer is inevitable, guaranteed when the rules are understood.

No new information coming from the S.O.P or Bible.

To think that some unpublished writings of Sis. White will be the key—Is Fanaticism. That some secret to be revealed by the church—Conspiracy Theory.

Approaching Familiar passages in a New way.

Daniel 11:41 Example:

first new thing we found is that Uriah smith was wrong.

Pedulum: Swung either left or right

Argument was:

Then—Not uriah smith But Us. Now—Let the methodology lead

The only way to come to Truth is by applying the Rules correctly

If No new information is coming, Then it must be we will be looking at the same passages in a clearer new way.

Clue:

Marah: effect/mirror—reflection of the actual thing.

The thing is a person—the person is Christ. He commands us to “search the scriptures for. They are they that testify of me.”

And it is by beholding that we become changed.

We want to behold the one reflected in the Word of God.

To have the marah experience we need to study the Word of God

The only way to study and rightly understand the Word of God is through correctly applying the rules to our study—methodology

Manipulating Scripture

(who?): Paul, Egw, Us.

1st Corthians 15:46

First

Literal/natural

Second

Spiritually

Then

Apply other rules

Example:

2nd Amendment—Prophetic Document

1791

regarding: Protecting the state or government
against foreign intruders through force.

Force==Guns, their place in society

(Prophetic How?)

Constitution—Bill of rights(balanced)—2nd Amendment

How Does “something” Become Prophecy?

Ecclesiastes 1:9

“The thing that hath been (past)
Is that which shall be; (future)
and that which is done (present)
is that which shall be done: (future)
and there is no new thing under the sun.

Isaiah 46:9,10

...I am God, and there is none like Me,
Declaring the end (Future)
from the beginning,...(Past)
The Future is the Past. Or the Future is the Present.
Or The Past = The Present = The Future
*By taking that “something”—A Person, Place, or Thing
which has it’s origins from the past,
and bringing it into the present and future.

Parables:

We’re all familiar with and know how to use them
we take literal realities, and use them to explain Spiritual realities.

KEY:

TO FIRST KNOW THE STUDY ONE IS DOING,

Because,

The Symbols—the people, places, things, and actions

Present of Absent (noise that we can ignore)=(perspective)

IS DETERMINED BY THE STUDY WE ARE DOING AT THAT TIME.

Examples: (3)

1) Woman: =a church,

what if the study is about the temple, or the building she lives in?

*this different perspective changes the meaning of the woman.

From church to something else?

Because how can the church live in the church.

2) Dragon: = kings and rulers and governors...are...the dragon Tm 38.2

Revelation 16:13,14

For a threefold Union Study that answer can be acceptable

But for a Study on say the progressive Movements of this union

*this different perspective changed by this particular study

changes the meaning of the Dragon: from kings and rulers to?

Because how can the kings and rulers go to themselves.

3) Childlike vs Adult understanding

Child: Jesus spoke parables—while He was on earth

the common stories to which He attached spiritual meaning

Adult: But we say Jesus' Life, What He spoke,

In fact Everything in life is a Parable

and we will approach it as such—Going from the literal to spiritual

WE APPROACH ALL PASSAGES AS A PARABLE

IF SO, THEN

METHODOLOGY—the rules and how we apply them,

has to be taken into account to arrive at a correct

“Thus Saith The LORD”

Switches gears, saying There's a Phrase that's coming out now

Dispensation

Panacea: A remedy, A universal medicine
to all your problems!

*When Any Argument arises

over hard to understand and reconcile literal readings from
the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy

*Then your answer will be **“It’s All Dispensational”**

Dispensation

*It’s a Period of Time

*It isn’t new, It’s Line upon Line

*It’s going from one era to the next

Exp: 1)Ancient Israel to Modern Israel

2)**First** the 1st Dispensation, **Then** the 2nd Dispensation

Sounds Like.....1st Corinthians 15:46

First the Literal/Natural, **Then** the Spiritual/Symbolic

*Dispensation is a **code word for parable**

-going from one dispensation to another

-uses the same techniques we employ to work parables

THESE TECHNIQUES

Are not based on common sense.

(Why?)

---we’re not all common, & we don’t all have the same sense

(What then are they based upon?)

---set rules, and a specific way of using them—methodology

In order to find Hidden Information (the process is plain)
--go over the familiar passage again, but this time you will be using a more refined way of applying the rules than when you first passed over that ground.

His Examples:

1) Daniel 11:41

--with our 1st understanding of the rules and how to use them the Sda church was the many to be overthrown, BUT,
--when we revisited this familiar passage with our more refined or skillful use of our rules,
we discovered the hidden information
that the many represented the priests within this movement.
How I see this refinement coming about (is by us)
re-examining our own line and thoroughly giving place to
and factoring in everything that took place.

Solomon's, Miller's, Ours, and Jesus' Example:

1) Solomon says

“...If thou sleekest her as silver,
and searchest for her as for hid Treasure;
then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord,
and find the knowledge of God.” proverbs 2:4,5

--a call to refine your technique with the promise of reward!—Gold pan

2) Miller's rule #2 says

“every word is to have it's proper bearing...”

Miller started us, and we've refined that rule to say
not just a word, but also a syllable even the prefix of that word,
and even the chapter number and verse of the passage is fruitful

3) We as compared to the Evangelicals say

They: the Old testament is worthless we just need the new.

We: Throw away priceless information also because we don't
know how to process the information with our rules.

3A) Jesus on two separate occasions says

“Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost” john 6:12
(meals—main, and dessert)

3B) Why did The Son of God come to the Earth as Jesus

--to save us—childish answer

--to be our example—childish answer

these are not wrong answers just shallow or childish answers

Remember our Adult understanding has laid hold of the Truth that: EVERYTHING IS A PARABLE

Even Christ!—He was a spiritual Being.

But the rule states that **First** is the Spiritual, **Then** is the Natural

--Therefore, If He wants to come down to earth

and sort out the Great Controversy

He had to **First** come a Natural Being.

God had no choice. He had to come according to the rules.

Applying the Rules to interpret Parables means Everything to us!

Whatever the scale we want to apply it to.

—Even to Explaining the Fundamental principal of why

instead of just doing everything from up in Heaven,

Christ had to come to our Earth.

But Everyone uses rules.

Yet many aren't aware that they are.

Example:

--Babies through Adults are familiar with and regularly use the

laws of physics: they daily and moment by moment make

calculations on Distance, motion, depth, etc... (walking/running)

Everyone is an expert in the laws of motion,

But most of us couldn't quote the equations.

And so, you limited knowledge would only get you so far.

Our Distinguishing Mark

What we've done is Identified and Formalized—put into an organized package, those rules of correct Bible study.

Final Question and Thought

If everyone is an expert then why are we required to understand and quote rules for correct Bible study?

Answer:

You can go for a good distance using your natural or “common” sense rules,

But, to go to the next level and the next, The Rules need to be Formalized.

Think of it this way

it's a progression

first we crawl,

Then we walk,

Then we run,

Then a Bicycle,

Then a Car,

Then a plane,

Then a Rocket,

Then WINGS!

God wants to give us wings!

