





GOD'S WORD IN OUR

Hands

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES



**WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING EITHER
STANDS OR FALLS ON THE ACCURACY OF
THE BIBLE. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT WE KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT
WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE.**

An illustration in the top left corner shows a hand holding an open book. The book's pages are depicted with light brown and tan tones, and the hand is rendered in a soft, peach-like color. The overall style is clean and modern.

THE ONLY WAY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH REAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE IS TO DRILL DOWN DEEPLY THROUGH AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE SCIENCE OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION KNOWN AS DISPENSATIONALISM.

THE BIBLE & DISPENSATIONS

PART 2

Lesson #8

SINE QUA NON OF DISPENSATIONALISM

1. A dispensationalist consistently keeps Israel and the church distinct
2. A dispensationalist consistently employs a literal system of hermeneutics
3. A dispensationalism believes that the underlying purpose of the world is the glory of God



**WHAT MAKES A
DISPENSATIONAALIST A
DISPENSATIONAALIST?**

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#1: DISPENSATIONALISTS KEEP ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH DISTINCT

- A dispensationalist is one who believes the Bible, interprets it literally, rather than figuratively or allegorically, and recognizes the different ways that God has worked with men throughout history.



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The basic premise of dispensationalism is two purposes God expressed in the formation of two peoples who maintained their distinction throughout eternity.”

- Fuller, *The Hermeneutics of Dispensationalism*, pg. 25.



The dispensationalist believes that throughout the ages God is pursuing two distinct purposes: one related to the earth with earthly people and earthly objectives involved which is Judaism; while the other is related to heaven and heavenly people and heavenly objectives involved, which is the church.

- Chafer, *Dispensationalism*, pg. 107.



The essence of dispensationalism, then, is the distinction of Israel and the church. This grows out of the dispensationalist's consistent employment of normal or plain or historical-grammatical interpretation.

- Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pg. 41.

#1: DISPENSATIONALISTS KEEP ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH DISTINCT

- The covenants made by God to His chosen people (nation) Israel do not apply to the church (bride of Christ).



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An illustration of a hand holding an open book, positioned in the upper left corner of the frame. The book is open, showing its pages, and the hand is shown from the side, gripping the edges. The background is a light, neutral color.

**IF WE ARE REALLY GOING TO HAVE AN
EDUCATED CONVERSATION ABOUT
DISPENSATIONLISM WE MUST BE AWARE
OF THESE ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE
PARTS OF OF THE SYSTEM.**

#2: DISPENSATIONALISTS BELIEVE IN A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

- A. Historical
- B. Grammatical
- C. Normal



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God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the Fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by the Son of God.

- Hebrews 1:1-2

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For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

- John 1:17

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#3: DISPENSATIONALISTS BELIEVE IN A DOXOLOGICAL APPROACH TO THE WORD

A. Soteriological Approach = The purpose is salvation

B. Doxological Approach = The purpose is the glory of God





All the events of the created world are designed to manifest the glory of God. The error of covenant theologians is that they combine all the many facets of divine purpose in the one objective of the fulfillment of the covenant of grace. From a logical standpoint, this is the reductive error - the use of one aspect of the whole as the determining element.

- J. Walvoord, *The Millennial Kingdom*, pg. 92.

#3: DISPENSATIONALISTS BELIEVE IN A DOXOLOGICAL APPROACH TO THE WORD

- The doxological approach captures the key purposes of why God created the world and this reality cannot be overemphasized.





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