

- 4. Profanity of holy things—the Death of Korah; Nadab and Abihu (Numbers 16; Leviticus 10:1–2)
- 5. Family impurity—Judgment on Sodom (Genesis 19; Jude 7)
- 6. Theft—judgment on Achan (Joshua 7)

Discipleship Course  
 Principles of Bible Study (II Timothy 2:15)  
The Mention Principles

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- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ mention principle
  - A. Definition—*the first mention of a subject in the Scripture reveals the truth of that subject.*

*“I find in Scripture this principle of interpretation, which I believe, if conscientiously adopted, will serve as an unfailing guide to what was in the mind of God. This is the keystone of the whole matter.”—Sir Isaac Newton*

- B. Examples of the principle of first mention.
  - 1. The subtlety of Satan—Gen. 3:1
  - 2. Jesus Christ’s first words—\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Faith—Gen. 15:6
  - 4. Holiness—Gen. 2:3
  - 5. Love—Gen. 22:2
  - 6. Spirit of God—Gen. 1:2
  - 7. The Son of Man—Psalm 8:4
  - 8. Babylon—Gen. 11

- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ mention principle
  - A. Definition—*the principle whereby God reveals a truth progressively until its consummation at the end of the Bible.*
  - B. Examples of progressive mention

1. Predictions concerning the coming of Jesus Christ the Saviour

- a. The seed of a woman—Gen. 3:15
- b. The chosen family line—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David
- c. The place of birth—Bethlehem
- d. The time of birth—Dan. 9:25
- e. The entrance into Jerusalem—Zech. 9:9
- f. Thirty pieces of silver—Zech. 11:12
- g. His broken heart—Psalm 22
- h. No bones of His body will be broken (Psa. 34:20)
- i. God's part in His death—Isa. 53:4–5

2. Prayer's progression

- a. Daniel prayed three times a day facing Jerusalem—Dan 6:10.
- b. Pray in our closets—Matthew 6:6
- c. Pray without ceasing—I Thessalonians 5:17

3. The Holy Spirit

4. Rewards

- 5. God's dwelling places—Creation, Tabernacle, temple in Jerusalem, the temple of Christ's body, in the believer (I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)

6. The Lamb in the Scripture

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ mention principle

- A. Definition—*God declares His full mind on a subject in one place in Scripture.*

B. Examples of full mention portions of Scripture:

- 1. Resurrection—I Corinthians 15
- 2. Love—I Corinthians 13
- 3. God's discipline of His children—Hebrews 12
- 4. The tongue—James 3
- 5. The vicarious sacrifice—Isaiah 53
- 6. Spiritual gifts—I Corinthians 12–14
- 7. The final judgment—Revelation 20
- 8. The law—Exodus 20
- 9. The church—Ephesians 1–3
- 10. Godly repentance—II Corinthians 7
- 11. Restoration of Israel—Romans 11
- 12. Faith—Hebrews 11

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ mention principle

- A. Definition— every New Testament principle is illustrated in the Old Testament through a situation, event or person.

- B. God exhibits by illustrations of judgment, His displeasure toward various forms of sin and disobedience. By God's act of judgment, He is revealing what He thinks of certain sins committed.

- 1. Lying to the Holy Ghost—Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5:1–11)
- 2. Idolatry—judgment of Babel (Genesis 11)
- 3. Graven images—the golden calf (Exodus 32)