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Directional Study Notes

Bible Doctrine

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How to Deal with Bible Difficulties

Although there is much in the Bible that we clearly understand, there are still parts of it that we don't.

This is usually when people will say that there is a "contradiction" in the Bible.

We must view "difficulties" as simply mysteries that are still yet to be revealed.

1. Approach the Bible with complete confidence in the Author.

Heb 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

- a. Trust the fact that since God wrote it, it is truth even if you don't understand it.
- b. Put your trust in the Author and not your own logic or reason.

2. Realize that you will not understand everything.

Isa 55:8-9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

Cf. Romans 11:33-36

- a. When you take the infinite (immeasurable) mind of God and try to bring it down to the finite (measurable) mind of man, you will have difficulties.
- b. If we totally understood God, He would fail to be God!

3. Remember, there are those who want to destroy your confidence in the Bible.

- a. Find out the motive of the one bringing up the difficulty.

b. You are wasting your time with someone who really doesn't want to know the truth.

4. Remember that a difficulty in understanding something doesn't make it wrong.

“He is a shallow thinker who gives up on a truth because there are some apparent facts he cannot reconcile.”

5. Difficulties are usually minimal compared to the weight of proof.

a. The many proofs of it will help you in a few difficulties you cannot seem to reconcile.

b. Do not follow the skeptics in spending more time on difficulties than on truths.

6. Difficulties disappear upon careful and prayerful study.

a. The more we pray and truly study God's Word, the fewer difficulties we will find.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

b. To be honest, most of our difficulties occur when our own biased opinions get in the way.

We all tend to look at Scripture through a cultural lens.