

BASIC RULES OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION

1. Treat the Bible as “**THE** book of books.” Read it like no other piece of literature.
2. Treat the Bible as “**A** book of books.” Read it like you would any other collection of literature.
3. Be a spiritually minded reader, but do not look for the meaning of texts only through **prayer**
4. Interpret texts using **normal** rules of grammatical-historical interpretation.
5. Seek to understand the intended meaning of the **original** author to his audience as found in the original text.
6. The original text as found in the manuscripts of the original **text** is more authoritative than any translation.
7. Be suspicious of any interpretation that would have been **unknowable** to the original audience.
8. For the purpose of study, **distance** yourself from the text in a reverent way. Do not read yourself, your situations, or your setting into the text. Application must follow interpretation.