

# Rules for Understanding the Bible - Part 1

One must interpret every text in such a manner that it will be in harmony with all other texts related to it.

Verses must be understood in the light of the context in which they appear.

Simple passages are to be used to assist in the interpretation of difficult one.

Help is obtained by referring to statements of another inspired writes who discusses the same subject.

Figurative language must be interpreted according to the rules governing figurative language.

Words and phrases are to be understood literally, unless the evident meaning of the text forbids this.

Ordinances are always understood in a literal sense, and this is also the general rule for commandments.

It should be understood that the Bible assigns special religious meaning to some words, and when this is true let the Bible itself define these special meanings.

Accept the Bible definition of words it uses, where given, as the best that can be found.

