

## Hermeneutics 2 Lesson 2

### The Agreement Principle

Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**Theme:** In this lesson we will deal with the perfect harmony of Scripture and the attacks on this doctrine.

**Introduction:** It is an unfortunate fact but one that the Bible student should recognize early and accept it. There are and always have been among the ranks of believers those who identify themselves as one of us but who have spent their lives attempting to disprove the inspiration of Scripture. We are not going to attempt to answer the question as to why they do this. We will deal with what we know. First, we know that these individuals have constantly asserted that there are contradictions to be found in Scripture. Let me say this upfront so that we don't lose this along the way. "The Bible is God's Word. It is His perfect Word. It is His inspired, infallible, inerrant Word. There is no contradiction in His Word!" These pseudo preachers and pretend intellects have caused others to doubt the validity of Scripture and have brought on unnecessarily trepidation among believers, especially young and immature believers. Second, we know that these individuals have not been good students of Scripture. They have come to their conclusions mostly because they have abandoned sound hermeneutical practices and have only proven themselves to be poor students of Scripture. Thirdly, while they have never proven a contradiction in God's Word, they have proven contradiction in fallen men and their personal opinions.

All contradictions found in God's Word are only apparent contradictions. Jesus said: "*Go not into the way of the Gentiles*" (Matt. 10:5). Then later He said: "*Go ye therefore and teach all nations*" (Matt. 28:19). There is no contradiction here; just a change in dispensation. "Rightly dividing" the Word will eliminate most contradictions.

All contradictions are in men not in God and His Word. The Agreement Principle is illustrated by the fact that the Bible is in perfect agreement upon subjects which sinful man never will be in agreement.

#### I. The Agreement Principle defined.

- A. The principle under which the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God become the guarantee that He will not set forth any passage in His Word which contradicts any other passage.

- B. The Agreement Principle is that principle in which God in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ guarantees that no passage in Scripture will contradict any other  
passage.
- C. This principle is based upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy  
Spirit in giving the Truth.
- D. This principle is also called "The \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Principle".
- E. The Scriptures are an \_\_\_\_\_ unity.
- F. You will never have to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Word of God!

**II. The Agreement Principle illustrated.**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The comparison of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The Agreement Principle practiced.**

- A. Be attentive to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Be attentive to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Be attentive to \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Be attentive to \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. The Agreement Principle attacked.**