
Methods and Principles of Bible Research



**VIDEO TRAINING COURSE
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“The Key of Knowledge Seminar” (Part 1)
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Foreword

“KEY OF KNOWLEDGE” SEMINAR

Jesus charged the Scribes of His day that they had “taken away *the key of knowledge*” (Luke 11:52).

The Scribes were the official interpreters of the sacred Scriptures in the time of Christ but they had robbed the people of the key of knowledge, that key which would open the door to the truths of God’s kingdom. They themselves entered not into the Kingdom and they hindered and forbade those who wanted to enter in.

Today there is a similar scene. The people of God are often robbed of the key of knowledge. Great responsibility rests on ministers of the Gospel. It is their responsibility to use the “key of knowledge” and open the door into the truths of God, and, not only enter in themselves but allow their congregations to enter in also.

There are many good and great Bible Colleges and Theological Seminaries in the U.S. A., the U.K. and Australasia where those who sense the call of God on their lives may attend and from which they can graduate.

Curriculums generally cover major subjects such as Theology, Ecclesiology, Church History, Pneumatology, Missions and Eschatology. Most major on Bible, covering the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Major and Minor Prophets, Poetical Books as well as the Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Johannine, Pauline and the Hebrew Writings.

However, after many years of involvement in Bible Colleges, both in Australasia and America (i.e., Portland Bible College, Bible Temple, Oregon, U.S.A.), there appears to be two particular subjects which need to be taught, or if taught, need to be more fully expanded.

These subjects are:

Principles of Biblical Research, and
Principles of Interpreting the Scriptures, or Hermeneutics.

The word “key” simply means “an opener”. It is an instrument that serves to lock or unlock doors. It opens or closes doors.

Naturally speaking, each key has a specific design and purpose. One must have the right key in the right door or else things remain closed off. One cannot force a wrong key to open a lock. There may be nothing wrong with the key itself. It may simply be a right key in a wrong lock or a wrong key in the right door. Both keys and locks must match in order to open things closed or sealed.

So it is with the Word of God. There are specific “keys” of Biblical Interpretation and Biblical Research which work together and unlock the doors of Scripture revelation and illumination, letting the believer enter into vast realms of truth in the Word of God, the Holy Bible.

“The Key of Knowledge” Seminar helps to provide these keys to earnest Bible students. It is not only the joy of *discovering the keys* but the joy of *using the keys* of discovery of Divine truth within the sacred pages of the Scriptures that brings spiritual enlargement and fulfilment to the hungry searcher.

May this course be challenging, liberating and enriching to all who desire to excel in the communication of the Divine Word.

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