



GOD'S WORD IN OUR


Hands

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES


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Sanctify them through thy truth;
thy word is truth.

- John 17:17



**WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING EITHER
STANDS OR FALLS ON THE ACCURACY OF
THE BIBLE. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT WE KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT
WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE.**


An illustration of a hand holding an open book, positioned in the upper left corner of the image. The book is open, showing its pages, and the hand is shown from the side, gripping the spine. The background is a light, neutral color.

**IF THE PLAIN SENSE MAKES
COMMON SENSE SEEK NO OTHER
SENSE LEST IT RESULT IN
NONSENSE.**

THE BIBLE & DISPENSATIONS

Lesson #7

Hebrews 1:1

An illustration in the top left corner shows a hand holding an open book. The book's pages are depicted with light brown and tan tones, and the hand is rendered in a soft, peach-like color. The overall style is clean and modern.

THE ONLY WAY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH REAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE IS TO DRILL DOWN DEEPLY THROUGH AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE SCIENCE OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION KNOWN AS DISPENSATIONALISM.

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The hour is coming, and now is here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

- John 4:23

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#1: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

- A dispensationalist is one who believes the Bible, interprets it literally, rather than figuratively or allegorically, and recognizes the different ways that God has worked with men throughout history.



#1: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

A. Defining dispensationalism historically



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A stage of progressive revelation of God constituting a distinct stewardship or rule of life.

- *L.S. Chafer*

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A distinguishable economy in the
outworking of God's purpose.

- *C.C. Ryrie*

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A period of time, long or short, in which God is dealing with man in a different way than he has ever dealt with them before.

- *H.A. Ironside*

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A dispensation is a moral period in the world's history which ends in a special judgement.

- *Theodore Epp*

#1: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

A. Defining dispensationalism historically

B. Defining dispensationalism biblically

1. Oikos meaning “house”

2. Nomos meaning “law”

Oikonomia carries the idea of
“law of the house”



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To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.

- *Romans 3:2*



For thou I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

- 1 Corinthians 9:16-17

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#2: DISTINGUISHING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

- A. Dispensationalism is distinct in its belief in a literal hermeneutic
- B. Dispensationalism is distinct in its belief in the church and Israel
- C. Dispensationalism is distinct in its doxological approach to Scripture



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His people will not give him that throne. They will not acknowledge his right to rule them. But the Lord shall give him the right to rule them and set him as his king upon the holy hill of Zion.

- Matthew Henry in his notes on Luke 1



He assures her, that his kingdom shall be spiritual: he shall reign over the house of Jacob, not Israel according to the flesh, for they neither came into his interests nor did they continue long a people it must therefore be a spiritual kingdom, the house of Israel according to the promise, that he must rule over.

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#3: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

Innocence - Adam & Eve

Ends with man's fall into sin. Sin continues.

Conscience - Enoch

In future dispensations, men continue to live under conscience

Promise - Abraham

Men continue to live under human government (until the Kingdom Age

Law - Moses

The law was temporary (Gal. 3:19). The dispensation of the Law ended at Calvary.

Grace - Paul

While grace was evident in all dispensations, it is especially revealed

Millenium

God's sovereignty will be supremely manifested when Christ Himself rules

#3: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

A. Primary characteristics

1. A change in God's governmental relationship with mankind
2. A resulting change in man's responsibility
3. Additional revelation from God which caused a change of government and relationship

#3: DEFINING DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION

A. Primary characteristics

B. Secondary characteristics

1. A moral test

2. A human failure

3. A Divine Judgement

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Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.

- *Ephesians 1:9*

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