

B. What event had to take place before Jesus' new covenant (will) could be in force?

- (1) His birth
- (2) His death
- (3) His ministry

† Jesus was born as an Israelite or Jew. Thus He kept all the laws of God given through Moses. His covenant could have no power until He died on the cross.

? Since we are not under the authority of the Old Testament, can we throw it away?

#### 14) Romans 15:4

For what purpose were the Scriptures of the past written?

- (1) Satisfaction of our curiosity
- (2) Our teaching

† Thus, we today can have comfort and hope from these Old Testament (Old Covenant) scriptures.

#### 15) I Corinthians 10:1-11

A. Was God well pleased with the Israelites who came out of Egypt?  
Yes - No

B. These things happened as examples to keep us from doing evil things as they did. True - False

† These things are examples for us today, giving us warnings or admonitions.

† Although we do not live under that first testament given by God through Moses, we can still learn great lessons and principles from it.

C. Those who obey God are blessed.

True - False

D. Those who do not obey God are punished.  
True - False

#### CONCLUSION

By "rightly dividing (accurately handle) the word of God" we can better understand His will for us. *II Timothy 2:15*

When you see something God has done for you as you read the Bible, thank and praise Him.

When you find a command of God in the first written covenant (Old Testament), learn the truth that those who obey God are blessed.

When you find a command of God in the last written covenant (New Testament), obey the command without delay.



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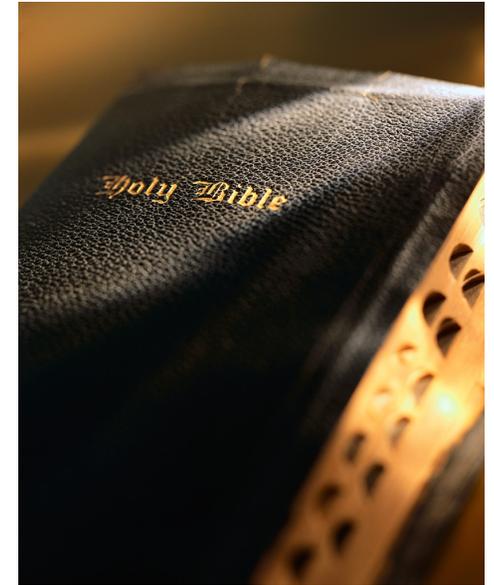
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## Home Bible Study

### 2

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH



#### INTRODUCTION

A. Should we obey all the commands that God has given? Yes - No

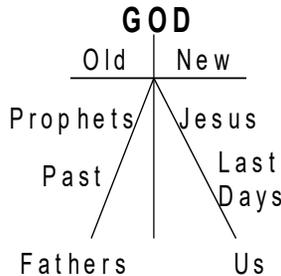
B. All of the Bible is God's word. However, very few know how to "rightly divide (accurately handle) it." *II Timothy 2:15*

C. In this lesson we will learn how to handle this word of truth, which is the Bible.

**READ THE SCRIPTURES CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

**1) Hebrews 1:1-2**

- A.** In the past, who did God use to speak His word to the fathers?  
 (1) Priests  
 (2) Prophets



- B.** In these last days God speaks to us through what person?  
 (1) John  
 (2) Preachers  
 (3) Jesus

† We now have a new spokesman for God. It is Jesus Christ.

**2) Genesis 2:15-17**

- Man could eat of all trees in the Garden of Eden except which one?  
 (1) Tree of life  
 (2) Apple tree  
 (3) Tree of the knowledge of good and evil

**3) Genesis 3:1-7**

Did Adam and Eve obey God?  
 Yes - No

**4) Genesis 3:14-19**

Were the man and woman punished?  
 Yes - No

† Although this command was not given to us, we learn a great principle: When man disobeys God, he is punished.

**5) Genesis 6:14-16**

- A.** What was Noah told to build?  
 (1) An ark  
 (2) An altar
- B.** Was he told what wood to use?  
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- C.** Was he told what dimensions to use?  
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**6) Genesis 6:22**

- A.** Did he obey God? Yes - No
- B.** Suppose Noah had used oak wood for the ark. What would have happened?  
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- C.** Suppose Noah had increased or decreased the dimensions of the ark. What would have happened?  
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† We can learn a great principle: When man obeys God, he is blessed.

- D.** Are you building an ark? If not, why not?  
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**7) Genesis 12:1-3**

- A.** What was Abram told to do?  
 (1) Build an altar  
 (2) Leave his country  
 (3) Offer a bull
- B.** Name four blessings God promised Abram.  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**8) Genesis 12:4**

Did Abram obey God? Yes - No

**9) Genesis 13:2**

Did God bless him? Yes - No

- 10)** Is it a command of God for us to leave our country and family? Yes - No

- 11)** Should we obey all the commands that God has given? Yes - No

**12) Deuteronomy 5:1-3**

- A.** To whom is Moses speaking?  
 (1) All men  
 (2) Israelites  
 (3) Gentiles



- B.** This covenant of God that was given through Moses was for:  
 (1) All men  
 (2) Gentiles  
 (3) Israelites

† God's covenant through Moses, including the Ten Commandments, was given only to Israelites (Jews).

- C.** Does that mean we are free to kill and commit fornication or adultery?  
 Yes - No  
 (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28; I John 3:15)

† Christians do not commit those sins, not because of what Moses said, but because of what the present day spokesman, Jesus, has said.

† In fact, Jesus goes to the heart of the sin. Hate leads to murder, and lust leads to adultery.

**13) Hebrews 9:15-17**

- A.** How many written covenants has God given?  
 (1) Two  
 (2) Six  
 (3) One