

Lesson 1: Handling Contradictions

Introduction:

- Many Bible mockers and scoffers look for reason to not trust the Bible and give cause for many to distrust the Bible as "the word of truth".
 - They identify and exploit what are seemingly "contradictions" in the Bible.
 - The end game - if there are contradictions, doctrines or teachings that oppose other doctrines and teachings present the evidence and draw conclusions that God's Word isn't perfect, isn't infallible, isn't true, therefore is not one's final authority.
- Well this series will provide you understanding of why those so-called contradictions are in the Bible and how to handle them.

Preview:

- God Never Changes in Character and Essence; What He Reveals and Requires of Man Throughout History Does Change
 - Progressive Revelation
 - More understanding of the same thing
 - Change of something from one time to another
- Certain Contradictions
- Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Sermon:

God never changes in character and essence; what he reveals and requires of man throughout history has changed

- Exodus 34:5-7
 - Character
- Hebrews 13:8
 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Certain Contradictions

Issue	IP	PE
Dietary Commands	Gen. 1:29, 9:3; Lev. 11:1-8	1 Tim. 4:1-5
Miraculous Provision	Matt. 6:25, 31-33, 10:9-15; Acts 4:32-35	1 The. 4:11-12; 2 The. 3:7-12
Baptism	Matt. 3:11-12; Jn. 1:33	1 Cor. 1:17
Circumcision	Gen. 17:9-14; Jn. 7:21-23	Gal. 5:1-3, 6
Sabbath Day(s)	Lev. 23:1 (Holy Days - Feasts) v. 3 sabbath	Gal. 4:1-7; Col. 2:16-17

•	v. 10-11 firstfruits v. 15-16 pentecost v. 24 trumpets v. 26 atonement v. 37 tabernacles	
Laws Function	Moses; Matt. 23:1-4; Gal. 4; Jn. 7:21-23	Rom. 6:14; Eph. 2; Col. 2; 1 Tim. 1
2nd Coming	After trib. - Matt. 24; Jas. 5:8; Ps. 68; Zech. 14:1-5; Isa. 3:11; Isa. 31:4-5, 42:13-15, 66:15-16(Rev. 6:2, 19:11) Saints go thru it - Matt. 24 Return to Mt. of Olives - Zech. 14:1-5; Matt. 24:3; Acts 1	1 The. 4:13-5:11;

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

- 2 Timothy 2:15
 - All these matters are contrasted by the apostle Paul
 - There is a proper way to understand these distinctions that seem as contradictions so that we recognize "the word of truth", but that needs to be "rightly divided"...

Conclusion: