

PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE STUDY #5 – FIRST MENTION

Last week: Learning by COMPARISON

cf. Job 34:3

- The ear is to _____ as the mouth is to _____.
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This week: The principle of FIRST MENTION

- Remember that every _____ of God is IMPORTANT!

The principle of first mention: The first time subject, person, or word shows up in the Bible, it usually defines a _____. Patterns established then remain _____.

- Another way of stating: “What is true is _____ true.”

cf. Malachi 3:6 & Hebrews 13:8 – Our God is _____ because God’s _____ is consistent!

I. THE FIRST MENTION OF “LOVE”

cf. Genesis 22:2

- The first time any form of the word “love” is mentioned, it is in the context of a _____ love for his _____.
 - **cf. John 3:35** – God the Father loves His _____
 - Remember, the Bible is not about you! It is about _____!
 - **cf. John 3:16** – God’s love for the world was shown by the sacrifice of God’s only begotten _____.
 - **cf. John 15:13** – The _____ love explained.
 - **cf. 1 John 4:9, 10** – Notice the _____ God has established as we stack other verses upon the first one in which love was mentioned.

II. THE FIRST MENTION OF "SERPENT"

cf. Genesis 3

- Verse 1 - The first adjective describing the serpent is _____. This provides us great insight into his strategies.
 - Additionally, we find that the first statement out of his mouth is a _____ with the purpose of casting _____ upon what God said.
- Verse 3 – Notice how Eve _____ to the word of God.
- Verse 4 – The serpent tells a bold faced _____.

cf. Revelation 20:2

- Other names for the serpent are: the _____, the _____, and _____.

****The serpent is consistently associated with _____ and _____.****

cf. John 8:44 – The devil is the father of _____.

III. THE FIRST MENTION OF "BLOOD"

cf. Genesis 4:8-10

- The first time the word "blood" shows up in the Bible, it is connected with _____.

cf. Genesis 9:3-6

- Bloodshed punishable by _____. Again, blood connected with _____.

cf. Leviticus 17:10, 11

- Plainly stated: "For the _____ of the flesh is in the blood... for it is the blood that maketh an _____ for the soul."

cf. 1 John 1:7 – Not only is blood tied to physical life, but to _____ life also.