

Bible Rules

We should know for ourselves what constitutes Christianity, what is truth, what is the faith that we have received, **what are the Bible rules—the rules given us from the highest authority.** There are many who believe, without a reason on which to base their faith, without sufficient evidence as to the truth of the matter. If an idea is presented that harmonizes with their own preconceived opinions, they are all ready to accept it. They do not reason from cause to effect. Their faith has no genuine foundation, and in the time of trial they will find that they have built upon the sand. —**Letter 4, 1889/Mind, Character, and Personality, vol. 2, Page 536/1888 Materials, p.403**

Here we find that there are BIBLE RULES. The Bible Rules given us from the highest authority. Who is the highest Authority? The highest authority of course is God. So, there are Bible Rules that given for us from highest authority or from God. The question is what are those Bible Rules? Let see this quotation from The Review and Herald November 25,1884, says:

Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon **the same plan that Father Miller adopted.** In the little book entitled “Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology,” Father Miller gives the following simple but intelligent and important **rules for Bible study and interpretation:****The Review and Herald November 25, 1884**

Disini kita dapatkan bahwa mereka yang terlibat di dalam memproklamirkan Pekabaran Tiga Malaikat akan menyelidiki Alkitab dengan plan yang sama yang digunakan oleh Father Miller. Father Miller memberikan simple but intelligent and important rules for the Bible study and interpretation. Sebelum kita tau Rules for Bible Study dari Father Miller. Siapa yang harus memberikan pekabaran Tiga Malaikat? Dari kutipan-kutipan di bawah ini kita dapati bahwa yang harus memproklamirkan pekabaran Tiga Malaikat adalah Setiap Seventh-Day Adventist. Kalau begitu setiap Seventh-Day Adventist harus menyelidiki alkitab dengan menggunakan Bible Rules yang sama dengan Father Miller.

Let **every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself,** “What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?” Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. **Christian Service, Page 145/The Southern Watchman, January 5, 1904.**

[Revelation 14:6-12, quoted.] This is the message **we** have to bear; this is the work **we** have to do. This is the message God has kept before **the Seventh-day Adventist people.** The truth of this message will not decrease, but will increase in force and importance as we are brought down to the close of the work of God on earth. **We** have no time to lose. **Manuscript Releases, vol. 18 [Nos. 1301-1359], Page 28**

Siapa Father Miller atau yang kita kenal William Miller itu?

An upright, honest-hearted farmer, who had been led to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures, yet who **sincerely desired to know the truth,** was the man specially chosen of God to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming. Like many other reformers, **William Miller** had in early life

battled with poverty and had thus learned the great lessons of energy and self-denial. **The Great Controversy, Page 317**

Seorang petani yang benar dan berhati jujur, yang telah pernah meragukan otoritas ilahi Alkitab, namun yang dengan sungguh-sungguh ingin mengetahui kebenaran, adalah orang yang secara khusus dipilih oleh Allah untuk memimpin pemberitaan kedatangan Kristus yang kedua kali. Seperti kebanyakan pembaharu-pembaharu lain, William Miller, pada permulaan hidupnya berjuang melawan kemiskinan, dan dengan demikian memperoleh pelajaran besar mengenai energi dan penyangkalan diri.

Jadi apa itu Bible Rules for Bible Study and Interpretation yang digunakan oleh Father Miller itu? Pena Inspirasi dalam buku Great Controversy p. 320 dan RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25. Disini kita dapatkan Bible Rules yang digunakan oleh Father Miller?

Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, he compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the **concordance**. He pursued his study in a regular and methodical manner; beginning with Genesis, and reading verse by verse, he proceeded no faster than the meaning of the several passages so unfolded as to leave him free from all embarrassment. When he found anything obscure, it was his custom to **compare it with every other text** which seemed to have any reference to the matter under consideration. Every word was permitted to have its proper bearing upon the subject of the text, and if his view of it harmonized with every collateral passage, it ceased to be a difficulty. Thus **whenever he met with a passage hard to be understood he found an explanation in some other portion of the Scriptures**. As he studied with **earnest prayer for divine enlightenment**, that which had before appeared dark to his understanding was made clear. He experienced the truth of the psalmist's words: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119:130. **The Great Controversy, Page**

320Berusaha mengesampingkan dan membuang semua pendapat-pendapat yang pernah terbentuk sebelumnya dan komentar-komentar, ia membandingkan Alkitab dengan alkitab dengan bantuan referensi-referensi pada tepi halaman-halaman buku dan **konkordans**. Ia belajar dengan cara teratur dan sistematis. Ia mulai dengan buku Kejadian, membaca ayat demi ayat. Ia tidak perlu terburu-buru mempelajarinya sampai arti beberapa paragraf terungkap sehingga dengan demikian ia tidak malu. Bilamana ia menemukan sesuatu yang tidak jelas, kebiasaannya ialah **membandiungkan ayat dengan ayat lain** yang tampaknya ada hubungan dengan masalah yang dipertimbangkan. Setiap kata dibiarkan mempunyai kedudukannya yang sebenarnya pada pokok masalah dalam ayat itu, dan jika pandangannya sesuai dengan paragraf tambahan, maka tidak ada lagi kesulitan. Dengan demikian, **bilamana ia menemukan paragraf yang sulit dimengerti, maka ia menemukan keterangan di bagian-bagian lain Alkitab**. Sementara **ia belajar dengan doa yang sungguh-sungguh untuk penerangan ilahi**, maka yang dulunya gelap kepada pengertiannya dibuat menjadi terang dan jelas. Ia mengalami kebenaran kata-kata pemazmur, "Bila tersingkap firman-firman-Mu memberi terang, memberi pengertian kepada orang-orang bodoh." (Maz. 119:130)

"**1.** Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible; **2.** All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study; **3.** Nothing revealed in Scripture can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering; **4.** To understand doctrine, bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its proper influence; and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error; **5.** Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound to me, and he should guess at its

meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, and not the Bible." {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 24}

The above is a portion of these rules; and in our study of the Bible we shall all do well to heed the principles set forth. {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25}

Ini untuk belajar alkitab , bagaimana dengan Spirit Of Prophecy?

Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy Have Same Author—The Holy Ghost is the author of the Scriptures and of the Spirit of Prophecy. These are not to be twisted and turned to mean what man may want them to mean, to carry out man's ideas and sentiments, to carry forward man's schemes at all hazards.—**Letter 92, 1900/Selected Messages Book 3, Page 30**

E. G. White Work Not Unlike That of Bible Prophets—In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days he speaks to them by the testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed his people more earnestly than he instructs them now concerning his will and the course that he would have them pursue.—**Testimonies for the Church 5:661/3SM p.30**

Testimonies Never Contradict the Bible—The Bible must be your counselor. Study it and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict his Word.—**Letter 106, 1907./Selected Messages Book 3, Page 32**

The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as scripture is explained by scripture. Selected Messages Book 1, p. 42

"I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several Testimonies for the Church, given for the people of God. Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, Page 664