

## I. The Need for Systematic Bible Study

I look at this as a key point: potentially everybody that God is bringing to the church, God has brought in in the last two and a half years, has the potential to be a core part of the ministry leadership. When we started our church, we had different groups of people. We had some of you who have been around with me for a number of years. We had many of you that had started coming back in and getting into the scriptures. Along the way, God has brought a lot of people to us. I look at that as exactly how God lays those things out and what He does. He brings people in when they are in His own timing. From that point, we begin to build and grow exactly the way that God wants us to build and grow.

We take you wherever you are at, and then what we do is build upon that so that everybody understands exactly where we are at with the scriptures. No matter where you come in, no matter where you get into this thing, you begin to grow and begin to learn. The next level I want to do is I want to begin to introduce you to God's systematic study of the Bible itself.

The word "systematic" simply means "in ordered structure." God has an order to the way that He wants you to learn the Bible. You can learn the Bible or try to learn the Bible a number of different ways. The bottom line is simply this: you are not going to learn the scriptures the way God wants you to learn them. You are never going to be as effective as God wants you to be until you pick up this systematic study, this way that God has laid the Bible out.

I have told you many times, you have heard me say it, the number one issue with young Christians today, and I deal with this all the time, is when I sit down with them—because I have a policy that I will spend time every week with anybody that really wants to learn the Bible. I told you that when you begin to read the Bible, here is what I hear all the time: "I want to read it, and I begin to read it, and I begin to study it, but I don't know what I am looking for. It doesn't make any sense to me. It really doesn't give me any purpose." What happens in a very short time when you start reading the Bible is you lose interest. You don't get anything from it. You have got to realize that the way God teaches you the scriptures is through a systematic study.

There are three absolute ingredients that I, as a pastor, have to build into your life for you to learn and know what the Bible says. I am not just interested in teaching you what the Bible says, but I am just as interested in you learning and knowing why you believe what you believe. I don't want you to just mimic what I teach you. I don't want you to be able to just go out and pulpit what I say to you. The problem with God's people today, bless their hearts, is they don't know why they believe what they believe. There is a systematic way to get you to that point.

I knew a guy one time, and he was a nice kid, this has been years ago, but he reminds me of so many of God's people today when they try to get into the Bible. When he had a decision to make, what he would do is he would close his eyes and he would flip his Bible, and he would come down, and whatever verse his finger landed on, he would take that as God giving him the answer, kind of like rolling dice. He actually believed that God was going to honor that because he was

sincere, and he wanted an answer from God, and he wanted to do what is right. I am not kidding you, I would see him flip through his Bible and come down on a verse, and he would say, "Well, that is the verse that God gave me today." He would do that every morning and he would say, "Okay God, give me a verse for today," and then he would do that. Of course, many times he got verses that had absolutely nothing to do with what his problem was and had nothing to do with anything. The reason for that is this: that is not how God operates. God has a systematic way that He wants to speak to you.

I am going to talk to you about that way this morning in an introduction for what we are going to start next week. I want you to understand before we ever get into it how this thing has to work because five or ten years from now, if the Lord tarries His coming, our church is probably going to run two, three, four hundred people. Most of you will be in some form of leadership where you will be running some part of some ministry. Just like right now, John runs the prison ministry, and he takes that, and he works with the City Union Mission, and that is his deal. I do not tell him what to do; I help him, I cut red tape for him, I get him what he needs, but the bottom line is it is his deal. Just imagine that in our church when we have probably thirty or forty ministries dealing with different people that somebody has to lead. That is where we will get to in time.

I look at every one of you, and you know my philosophy on it: you can have as much of God as you want. You can have as much of me in the Bible as you want. There are no restrictions on you here for your spiritual growth process; the only restrictions are what you put on yourself. But I do know this: I know there are three absolute ingredients, if I am ever going to get you to the place where you can handle that job and you know why you believe what you believe, that I am going to have to build three things into your life.

## II. Three Ingredients for Bible Study

The first thing is we are going to have to lay a foundation of what the Bible teaches. We call that discipleship. I look at that as the basic lessons that we bring you through. You have to start there. Personally, the day you get saved, you need to start learning that foundation. I have had people say to me over the years, "Well, you don't want to wait a little while," or "I want to see if my kids get involved in it," or "I want to see if my wife gets involved in it, and then I will do it." The bottom line is that may be the exact way that God brings those people in. By you saying, "I am going to wait," may just put off even farther what God can do in your life.

A great principle is this: you give me a husband or a wife that wants to do what is right, and I will tell you, and you have me to the other party that does not exactly want to do what is right, I know this is true: God will always reach down through the person who is trying to do what is right and touch the other person's life. That person may not respond to it overnight; it may take them a year, it may take them, I do not know how long, but I know that. It is an absolute rule. God will always come down and work and reach through the person who wants to do what is right to reach the person who maybe is not there yet. The faster you begin to let God teach you the Bible, the quicker that process becomes. It is just as simple as that. That is a basic fundamental aspect of the way that God deals with things.

I look at the foundation we build in your life as what somebody does when they disciple you. I look at the one-on-one that we have together because basically my one-on-one is handcrafted to each individual. I am not a mass production guy when it comes to Christianity. I am not some guy that gets up and tries to win a thousand people to Christ and slap them all on the back and say, "Good job, see you later." No, that is not my style. I am a craftsman. My Bible told me in 1 Corinthians chapter 3 that I am to be a wise master builder. That is just not talking about my own personal life. I know that if I am going to turn out men and women who really are everything that we need to have in our relationship with God, I am going to have to work with them and handcraft them one-on-one.

What I would do with you is not what I would do with you. What I would do with you is not what I would do with you. I do what you need. I take you where you are at, listen to what you have got to say, and I just do not want to come down and paint everybody with the same brush. I want to talk to you about where you are at in your life, what you want to accomplish, what you want to do with your family, what you want to do with all of those things.

When you guys first started coming, remember what you said to me back there after you got saved? You came to me back there and you said, "Bob, help me, help me tell my kids about Jesus Christ and being saved." When I work with you two, we are handcrafting that exact mode, are we not? I started to disciple them their first lesson last week. I told them, "Next week, next two weeks, you take that lesson one and you sit down with your family and you teach them that lesson." Maybe somebody else does not need that, but that is what they want. That is what I am talking about. That is what it has to be. You cannot approach the ministry in Christianity in mass production. You have got to do it one person at a time.

What I am doing with you, Josh, is the same thing I am doing with you, Doug, the same thing I am doing with everybody in here that I am working with. I am crafting you so you can help me craft others. That is the process. That is the process. You can have as much of that as you want. You can get it as fast as you want it. That is my job. My job is to help you, first of all, lay a foundation in your life.

The second job, once that foundation is laid, is that I need to put a framework in your life, a framework about the Bible. The Bible says that your body is to be God's temple. When you build a house, if you want to build a house, basically, I know there is a lot of attributes to it, and I have never built a house. But I know I can break it down into three aspects. The first thing you do is you have got to dig a hole and you have got to lay a foundation. Then the next thing you have got to do is you have got to put the framework up. You make all those things, and you put the frame of the house in, and then you put the roof on, and then when you get it sheetrocked and it is all ready to go, then you go to the third stage. But the second stage is framing up the house. That is what we are doing.

That is why, after we took the time, and a lot of it was going on at the same time, I was teaching you the framework, the books of the Bible, while we were discipling you. In other words, you cannot bring it where you bring it up to a point, and then you cut it off, and you start the next

one. It all flows together. It is like the Bible; it all flows together. But it has to be in the aspect that we build the foundation in your life the day you get saved, and then I help you learn those basic fundamental precepts, and then we begin to put the framework in. We now have in our arsenal back here a Bible material of 66 CDs, which anybody can sit down at any time in their life, either now or in the future, and begin to build the framework of the Bible. What is the framework of the Bible? How each book fits into God's overall plan. That is the framework. That is what we have just finished.

Now we are going to move into the third level, and that is infrastructure. Once you build the foundation, once you frame in the house, once you sheetrock the walls, now we are going to do all the infrastructure. We are going to hook up all the utilities. We are going to hook up your washing machine so you can stay clean with God every day. We are going to hook up your electricity so you have power. We are going to do everything in the infrastructure that you need. Infrastructure in the Bible is what the Bible teaches. We call it doctrine.

There are 31,171 verses in your King James 1611 authorized version. There are 1,189 chapters. Each one of those chapters, as each one of those verses, has a historical, has a doctrinal, and has an inspirational meaning, as they all coincide cohesively together to give you the overall picture of what God wants you to do. I have told you before, the Bible is like one of those thousand-piece picture puzzles that you go to Walmart or some place and buy, and on the front of that box, there is a picture of what this puzzle represents. When you dump the puzzle out, you have got 1,000 pieces. Your job, if you are going to do this—I have never had the patience to do it—but your job, if you are going to do it, is to take those pieces and, through a process of time, bring a picture into view.

There are two ways you can do it, the right way and the wrong way. My way of doing it is to get a pair of scissors and make the picture pieces fit when they do not fit. But I am impatient, and my picture becomes very distorted. That is exactly what a lot of people do with the Bible. They try to make the pieces fit when that is not the way they fit, and so they come away with the Bible with a distorted view. The way you do it is you separate all the pieces into two categories. You put all the pieces that have square ends, or square sides, or the end pieces, you put those in one pile. What you do is you start to build the outer edge around, and once you get the outer edge built around, then you work from the outside in, and as you are moving along in the picture, you begin to see what the picture is before the picture gets completed. That is the Bible.

When you let me help you build a foundation in your life, that is the corner pieces. When you let me help you put the framework in your life, that is the pieces from the outside in, and the infrastructure, as you begin to put it together, helps you see, and pretty soon that helps you complete the picture. That is where we are at. That is where we are at.

I use the example all the time. I have used it many, many times here, and I am going to say it again, even though every time I use it, I have been told that I offend people that live in St. Louis. There are two ways to go to St. Louis. You can get down right down here, and right down here, there is an intersection at I-70 and Nolan Road. If you go up here to the light and go on down and

get on the I-70, if you keep going east for about two and a half hours, three hours, sooner or later you will hit the outer limits, or the city limits, of St. Louis.

If that will not work for you, here is what you can do. You can go down to the same intersection. Instead of going east, you can go west. In a little while, you will go through Denver, a nice place. You keep on moving, you will go through, and you finally get to California. When you get to California, you have just a little bit of a problem, so you have got to find a big ferry or a big boat. You put your car in that boat, you keep sailing that direction. It is going to go to China, it is going to go to India, it is going to finally hit Europe, and then it is going to finally come back on the east coast, and then you are going to get your car off that ship, you are going to put it back on I-70, and you are going to come into St. Louis from the other way. Which way makes more sense?

It is the same way with the Bible. There are two ways to learn the Bible. You can learn it the easy way, or you can learn it the hard way. You can get into the Bible and let me help you build a structure, let me help you build a framework, let me help you build an infrastructure, and you will get the Bible in two or three, four, five years. Or you can go by way of China, India, Bangkok, and Thailand, and get it in about 30 years, maybe. It is your choice. What I am telling you all that is to say this: God has a systematic study of the Word of God. Any pastor or teacher of the Bible needs to follow that format. It is not a secret formula that I devised. It is very obvious, which you are going to see in just a little bit.

### III. God as a Mathematical Formula

You have heard me say many, many times that the Bible is its own dictionary. The Bible is its own commentary. The Bible is also its own history book. The Bible is also its own science book. There is one thing that is different about me than most pastors or most Bible teachers. That is, if you hang around me long enough, you will find that when I teach you the Bible, I never use anything but the Bible. You will never see me referring to Shafer's systematic theology. You will never see me picking up Philip Schaff's seven volumes on church history and teaching you church history. I believe that there is one book of truth in this world, and that is the Word of God. When I come and teach you the Bible, I approach it from that standpoint.

Do I read other books? Certainly. What was the second goal in my life? Once I came to the place that I understood the Bible, and my faith could not be shaken in that book, once I came to the realization that that Bible was absolutely the number one source of truth on planet Earth, and there was not anybody, anywhere, any place that could shake my faith in that book, that I was absolutely grounded in that book, that nobody was going to talk me out of it. Then I began the second goal in my life, and that was to read every book I could get my hands on that was against the Bible.

I remember going up to Lawrence and going into the KU bookstore up there and buying every book in their used bookstore on philosophy, on science. I began reading books by men who were not Christian. I began reading men's books on history. I remember I went out and somebody gave me the 14 volumes by Will Durant on the history of civilization. The most ridiculous stuff you

would ever read in your life compared to the Bible, but that is what the world believes as history. So I devoured it. He wrote a book called *The End of the Renaissance*. He had a volume on *Caesar versus Christ*. When he was done with all those volumes, he wrote a book called *The Things I Learned About the Civilization of Mankind* because of what he wrote. When you read the summary, you find out he did not know a thing.

But I read everything he wrote. I read every science book. I read everything that Carl Sagan ever wrote. I read everything that anybody ever put out there. Why? Because when I got to the place that I knew that that book was the absolute standard, then I wanted to read everything I could and ran everything I read through that book to find out truth versus error based on what the absolute book of truth told me. I would not suggest that most of you do that right now because maybe you are not grounded enough, but in time, that is what you are going to have to do. You are going to have to get the basic skills of the Bible.

Let me tell you something. I am going to read it a little bit later. I know everybody does this. You get a concept, you get a verse, and you go to try to work, and you try to... You hear something on Thursday night Bible study, and it is exciting and it is motivating. So you go to work and you try to explain it, and you look like an idiot because they cannot grasp what you are saying. I appreciate your zeal for the Word of God, but I am telling you this: there has to come a time in your life when you settle down. There has to come a time in your life when you just quit flipping around everywhere in the Bible, basically what my friend did, flipping the verse and putting your finger down, hoping that God will be good to you and give you something, and you start using a proven method, a program that will work in your life to help you get your life done. You start using a proven method and a plan that you are not going to use to do the right thing. Then you are going to start using your own systematic, basic, systematic, a program that will work in your life to teach you exactly what the Word of God wants you to know.

I also have to tell you this, you have got to get this: you do not read and study the Bible to become smarter. No, you read and study the Word of God to become dumber. That is one of the great paradoxes of the Bible. The Bible says, "that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." The Bible teaches if you want to keep it, you have got to give it away. That is a paradox. The Bible says, "the last shall be first and the first shall be last." That is a paradox. The Bible says the way up is down. The way down is up. Knowledge puffeth up.

## IV. The Paradox of Knowledge

I have been through the Bible a few times. I have laid the Bible out for myself, and I feel like I have a fairly decent understanding of it. A lot of things I do not know. But let me tell you one thing I do know. I know Barb Christie thinks I am the smartest man in the world, do you not, Barb? That is right. I like that because she makes those big sausage sandwiches, and as long as she keeps feeding the smartest man in the world, I like that. But that is not true. I appreciate that. I really do. My prayer, if you want to pray for me, you pray for me that tomorrow I am dumber than I am today. Because I want to be just dumb enough to believe everything that God said in that book in a world that does not believe it anymore.

I am telling you, if the Bible has taught me, somebody asked me one time, "What is the greatest thing God ever taught you from the Word of God?" The greatest thing God ever taught me from the Word of God is the more I learn the Bible, the more I understand how I am against the way God is and how I am dumber than I am from the Word of God. I am more than a fence post when it comes to God. I like that.

Clarence Larkin, you have heard me talk about him, he was a guy around 1900. Clarence Larkin's books are some of the greatest material that you are going to get that breaks down the Bible. But in some of his books, you have got to really be careful because there are certain things by the time he got to the middle of his life or toward the end of his life that you cannot trust. What happened to Clarence Larkin? He got smart. One day he got educated, and he got to be the praise of scholars, and people were... so he went that way, and instead of getting dumber and just believing what he believed, his scholar colleagues were making fun of him because he believed some things in the Bible that nobody believed anymore. So Clarence Larkin, to get in line with the smart guys, changed what he thought the Bible said and made it something else so he could become respectable. Arthur Pink did the same thing. Those two men I cut my teeth on when I was learning the Bible, but I learned very quickly that you had to be careful with them. Why? Because in each man's life, as many writers during that period of time, the White Pentecost, there are so many of them. They come to the place where they get past the point, and they become educated, and they become smart.

*Romans 1:22*

*> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

I know he is talking about unsaved people there, but if you think that does not happen to Christians, you are wrong.

*1 Corinthians 1:27-29*

*> But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;*

*> And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:*

*> That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

That is it. The smarter, the more you get into the Bible, the more you lay out the Word of God, the more you get into the Bible, and the more you learn those things, the dumber you become. When you get smart, it just leads to the place that you are going to start thinking that you are smart enough to correct God.

## V. The Significance of the Number Seven

With that introduction, let me give you our starting part. Take your Bibles and turn over to Genesis chapter 2, all the way back in the beginning. This is an introduction on God's systematic theology.

### *Genesis 2:1-3*

*> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

*> And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

*> And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.*

Look at that. You do not go 31 verses in your Bible before God shows you something about the number 7. God says in verse 3 that when God created everything, He did it in six days, and the seventh day God rested, and then it says God blessed it, and then God sanctified it. The word "sanctified" means He set it apart. In other words, God said, "Okay, I came down here 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. I am going to put way over here by itself, and I am going to bless it, and I am going to make it holy. That number is going to be special."

In studying the Bible, in time, you are going to have to learn something called Bible numerology. Bible numerology very simply is this: there are certain numbers in the Bible that mean certain things. Those numbers are part of the consistency of the Scriptures. When you learn that and you understand that, then you begin to formulate and use it in the process. The problem with this, and you hear this all the time, the moment you start to talk to somebody about that, they are going to tell you this: "Well, you can prove anything with numbers." What is your point? I know people who try to prove anything with the Bible. Just like you can prove anything with the Bible if you really want to, if you get out of the context of the way God laid it out, if you get outside of the context of the numerology, you can make numbers prove anything.

What you learn in Bible study is you always emphasize and follow what God emphasizes. God emphasizes certain numbers. We do not have time to go through that all today, but we are going to talk about one number that is the key to your systematic study. I am going to be right up front with you: you could not find 20 pastors in Kansas City today that believe or even know what I am talking about. That is because they are smarter than I am. If you go to a Bible college, pick one, I do not care. Tennessee Temple, Bob Jones, BBC, Liberty, Calvary, I do not care. If you start to talk about this, and I have had them do it to me, they laugh at you. But they are smarter than me.

I am going to make probably the greatest statement that I am ever going to say to you. I do not care how long we have been together, or I do not care how long we are going to be together. I am about to make the greatest statement I will ever tell you. Unfortunately, I do not understand anything about this statement, but it is the truest statement. If there is one thing that I occupy my spare fun time with the Bible in, it is trying to crack this nut. I will never do it. But getting close to it sure is fun. Everybody has different things, and I am not fighting it. For me, I have several things that I enjoy in life. But when it comes to the Bible for me, my recreation of the Bible is like a lot of kids when they play computer games on their TV or whatever they are. To me, the Bible is those kind of things. When I take something and work on it like this, it will fill up your life real quick.

Here is the statement. I am about to tell you this, and I am going to tell you right up front: I do not understand all of this, but I know it is true. I am going to show you how I know it is true, but I also do not understand it. If I could figure it out, I would be the smartest man in the world. So I am never going to figure it out because God wants to keep me the dumbest man in the world. I am happy with that. There is a difference between dumb and stupid. I am dumb, but I am not stupid. I have met stupid people. I do not like the word stupid. I have never called my kid stupid. I have never called my wife stupid. I do not call people stupid. But there are some stupid people out there. Anybody who rejects God and the Word of God, in my mind, is stupid.

Here is the statement, and it is a great statement. Notice the dynamics of my preaching? I got this out of a book. You do a couple of things. You move around a lot, take your glasses off when you make a point, and then when you were all ready for that statement, I came at you. I came around like this. In your mind, you are going, "Oh, you are really like..." I can do it. Here is the statement: God is a mathematical formula. God is a mathematical formula. I do not understand that, but I know it is true.

Albert Einstein died in 1955 at Princeton University. That is where he was doing his work. Billy Graham witnessed to him before he died. In the account that Billy Graham gives, he said to Mr. Einstein, "Mr. Einstein," he says, "you have done a great..." Billy Graham was very good, very courteous. He never makes anybody mad. He approaches the situation, and he has had a chance to talk to some of the world leaders. Whether you agree with him or not, you have got to give him that much credit. He went to Dr. Albert Einstein. If you have ever seen any pictures, the guy with the hairdo, looked like he stuck his fingers in 440 and it stayed that way for a while. He says, "Dr. Einstein," he said, "all your studies of relativity in the cosmos, and all the great things," he says, "have you ever run across God?"

Albert Einstein said one of the greatest statements that any unsaved man ever made. He said, "Mr. Graham, I cannot accept a God that is not a mathematical formula." When Albert said that, he was about that far from finding God as his own personal Savior and did not even know it. Because what he said is true. God is a mathematical formula.

Down in Virginia right now, they have these arrays of radio telescopes, and there is a project that is privately funded now, but the government funded it for a while. It is called SETI. SETI is the search for extraterrestrial life out in the universe. The whole question is, "Is there intelligent life in outer space?" Personally, I think it is a waste of tax dollars. They had to turn those big antennas to Earth and try to find out if there was any intelligent life on Earth. But that is just me.

What they are doing is they are sending out these rays, and they are using a universal language. What is the universal language in science? It is math. Because there is no other interpretation of math. Two plus two equals four on Earth or Venus. It is the same. Math is an absolute universal language that is the purest form. When Billy Graham made that statement, he did not understand what he was saying. He came up with a theory of relativity. I think that is the craziest thing. The theory of relativity at the bottom line simply said that all things are relative. The theory of relativity is when your relatives come for the holidays, there is going to be a fight. That is what I get out of it. The theory of relativity is that relativity is all things are relative. What he is saying

in the bottom line of the theory of relativity is that there is no absolute truth. Everything is relative. Everything is relative to the observer. In other words, I look over there and I see a woods. Scott looks over there and he sees something different. But the bottom line is it is all relative to the observer. The way that comes back around is that there is no absolute truth in this world. Therefore, the Bible, see where it goes, is all relative to what you want to make it be. Once you go down that slippery path, you are in trouble. This is basically why the world hates the Bible, and the Bible is against the world.

Einstein said there is no absolute truth. If 30 seconds later you would have said, "Mr. Einstein, what time is it?" He would say, "Well, it is 3 p.m." According to you or according to everybody? "Well, no, everybody is 3 o'clock, everybody in our time zone." That is a pretty absolute statement, is it not? How could there be no relativity and everything is relative, and then you have absolute time? Time is made up of numbers. You take those numbers and put them into a proper format, and you have time. Those numbers put into a proper format will bring us up to reality. Reality is time, matter, and space. That is what reality is. When you put them on a clock, and you have got the 12 hours on there, you take those numbers and you put them on a systematic layout, and it becomes exactly what it represents for us: time.

Where does time come from? Time is made up of numbers. Those numbers are put in a proper format, and they form for us reality. Where does time come from? It comes from Greenwich, England. Back in 1675, Charles II, because England was doing such great sea navigation, and what they were doing was taking that Bible that you have got in your lap around the world about six times. Charles II said, "We need to find not only a better way to navigate, but we need to all coordinate time." So Charles II said, "Okay, find it out," and they found out, they built an observatory in Greenwich, England. Greenwich, England becomes the prime meridian where the longitude is zero, zero, zero, zero, and everything starts from there. We call it Zulu time, Zulu meaning zero. We call it in the scientific world coordinated universal time. The whole world runs by that time. I do not care if you are communist, I do not care if you are a Muslim, I do not care if you are a Baptist, I do not care if you are a Catholic, I do not care if you are a Hindu, I do not care if you live in Russia, Iraq, USA, China, Bangkok, wherever. Everybody recognizes that English time is the time. If you are in Zwaluli land someplace and you want to disagree when everybody says it is three and you say, "No, it is only two," and you show up, you are going to miss it by an hour because nobody is going to pay attention to your time. Everybody goes by one standard of time.

Where do they get their time from? They get their time from that observatory that measures the irregular movement of the stars. Who made the stars? Genesis chapter one verse 16 says God did. Time as we know it is a broken down number system that comes from God.

We live here in Kansas City. When you make your letters out, write your letters, you put on back there, you live someplace close, Freetown, whatever. But the bottom line is we look at it as Kansas City, Missouri. That is really not true. If you want to find Kansas City, you have got to go and you have got to find Kansas City as a number system. Kansas City is latitude 39 degrees 4 north and longitude 94 degrees 33 west. You have got to get a number system. You buy these little GPS's. Those GPS's tell you exactly where you are at based on satellites. Where do the

satellites get it? They get it from the stars. Who made the stars? Before they had GPS's, they had sextants. They took those things up there and they looked and they shot the stars, and the stars gave them our exact longitude and latitude, which was a number system.

You get on an airplane and you start flying away. You do not get to hear what is in the cockpit. But they are up there saying, and the copilot says to the pilot or the navigator, he will look back and he will say, "Set us a course for one nine zero." I love that kind of talk. That sounds so neat. We had a car one time. Some cars have them. They have those little digital compasses in them, and they show you you are going west, north, but they also give the readout. We had that car. My wife, we know when we sit down in the driveway, and I love it. She actually buckled in, "Buckle in, buckle in." "Doors locked, doors locked." I started up, "Started up." We were driving on the road, and she would say, "How are you going?" I would say, "We are on a course of one eight four zero, darling," reading off that compass. She would say, "Robert, just drive." But we were heading on a number course, and that number course was going to get us someplace. So when you get in a plane, you set a course. Everything in this world, you have got to get to by a number. It is as simple as that.

We are here today. We are here at 11505. You want to call me. You have got to go 816-358-6783. You want to come and see me. It is 8308 Woodson Drive. You want to mail me something, use that address. But remember, put the right zip code: 64138. When the IRS wants to find you, they will dial in 279-66-6666. Your Social Security number. You are going to buy a new car, and somebody says you need to check it out on Carfax. You go to Carfax and says, "Hey, I am going to buy this lemon. I want to buy this car, and I want to know if it has ever been in a wreck." They said, "Fine, give me the registration." That is another way you impress people. "Give me the rest of your fail." You guys got passed on the second time. That is how it works. Somebody says, "I saw an accident. I was a witness." The cop says, "Did you get your license plate?" Numbers. Somebody says, "Man, I want to get me a new shotgun for hunting season. I am going to get me..." Somebody says, "What kind are you going to get?" "I want to get me a Remington 870." "Well, I am going to hunt elk. I am going to hunt deer. I am going to get me a Remington 700." Somebody said, "Not me. I am going to buy me a new digital camera so I can get some pictures of the kids." "What kind are you getting?" "A Nikon Coolpix 2200." They all have model numbers. Everything has a number. Everything. I am telling you. You say, "Well, I will just write you a letter and hand deliver it." It may be, but you have got to take 28 letters of an alphabet and put them in a mathematical order to give me any kind of letter that makes any sense. Get the letters out of order, I cannot read your letter.

When God wants to meet with you, He does it through a number system. So He started with a book with 66 books. You want to get a hold of God? You have got to go through a number system. I am telling you. God, and I do not understand it, but His bottom line is He is a mathematical formula. That is, and I mean, I am not saying He is not real and everything that we believe He is, but in His basic concept, math is the division. It is the truth. That is where it all lies because God is one, but He is yet three. He gets even more complicated from there.

But I tell you this. Somebody says, "Bob, I want to learn how to trust God." Okay. Dial 11411. What? Yes. Get your Bible and dial 11411. Eleventh book in the New Testament. Philippians

chapter four verse eleven. "Whatever state I am in, therewith to be content." You have got to go to a number system to find what God wants you to have. Somebody says, "Well, Bob, how do I raise my children?" Dial 202917 and 18 to start with. That is the book of Proverbs. Twentieth book in your Bible. 29th chapter, 17 and 18 are the verses. How do I get saved? Dial 610910. That is Romans chapter ten. That is the sixth book in the New Testament. Tenth chapter, verses nine and ten. Everybody, wherever you are, has to go through the same exact number system to find God. Because God is the exact essence of math, and when Einstein made that statement to Billy Graham, he did not know how close he was. But you see, he was smart. I am just stupid.

I believe when you come down through this thing, you see how number seven in your Bible is God's number. When God does something significantly in the Bible, He does it by seven. This is an introduction to God's systematic theology. When God does something in the Bible significantly, He does it by the number seven. That is why in Genesis chapter 2, verses 1, 2, and 3, He said that that number was blessed. It was sanctified. It is holy. It is everything.

*Deuteronomy 32:4*

*> He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

When you start coming through the Bible, you are going to find that man, you and me, we count by tens. Have you ever noticed that? We will count one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Then what do we do? You say, "Well, you are not done yet." You go 11. Yes, but that is starting over again. It has got a one in it. Twelve has got a two in it. It starts going over after every segment of ten. We count by ten because we are Gentiles. In the Bible, ten is the number of the Gentiles. The first Gentile kingdoms are found in Genesis chapter 10 by Nimrod, who is the tenth generation from Adam. The missionary call is found in Acts chapter 10, the salvation for the Gentiles is found in Romans chapter 10, and the last Gentile kingdom on this earth is represented by ten toes of Daniel's image in the book of Revelation. There are about 500 other things I can give you, but we know that is not our purpose.

When God counts, God counts by seven. He counts one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and then God stops at seven because that is why God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. The Bible says that all God's work was finished because God counts by seven and man counts by ten.

If you are still in Genesis, look at Genesis chapter 1. It gets better than that. We are just getting started here. We are going to go like a house on fire here in just a minute.

*Genesis 1:1*

*> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

If you count them up, there are ten words in that passage. Why? Because it is a book written to Gentiles. If you had a Hebrew Bible, one that the Jews follow, an Old Testament Hebrew, it would not have ten words in it. It would have seven. It would be in Hebrew, which the Bible tells you in Zephaniah chapter 3 verse 9 is the perfect pure language of heaven. That is not all. It

would have seven words, and there would be 28 letters in it, four times seven. The subject would have 14 letters, two times seven. The predicate has 14 letters, two times seven. You would find that the whole thing is built around when God wrote a book that had Gentiles, He stayed consistent and put ten words in it when He gave the Old Testament Jews, and that was the perfect nation for the perfect language, for the perfect kingdom, He put them in seven. That is the book you have got there. Why? Because it is perfect. P-E-R-F-E-C-T. Perfect. Seven letters. It could have been the book.

God created the earth in six days, and He rested on the seventh. He says in Exodus chapter 20 because of that in the Old Testament, the Jew is supposed to work six days and rest. Forget that a minute. There are only seven colors in the whole spectrum. Seven colors. When Michelangelo painted whatever pictures he painted, when Raphael painted whatever pictures he painted, when Monet painted whatever painter he painted, when all these great artists, when all these great painters, they only had seven colors to work with. Everything else is a combination of those seven. That book is some book you have got there.

There are only seven notes in music. I look over here at this thing with a lot of keys on it. I wish I could play that. I would do "Great Balls of Fire," but I cannot do it. It has keys on it. Only seven notes. It goes do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti. How many is that? Six. What is the next one? Starts over again. Seven. What was the original purpose of music in your Bible? Why are there only seven notes? Because the original music in your Bible was to praise God and glorify God, so God gave seven notes in music.

On our planet, there are only seven continents. Have you ever gone through the Bible and found out that all angels have seven letters in their name? Michael, Gabriel? Lucifer, before he fell, had seven letters, and when he fell, he is now called the what? Devil. Satan. How many letters in that? Five. Why? Because five in your Bible is the number of death. The first man dies in the Bible, dies in Genesis 5, verse 5. When they killed him in the Old Testament, they stabbed him under the fifth rib. Everywhere in your Bible it goes. Over and over and over and over. Death has five letters in its name. Everywhere you go. Wherever you go. It breaks down all those kind of things.

You get in trouble, and you are flying around that airplane, and you have got two engines out, and you are on fire, and you are going down. I never understood this until I got into the Bible. You are flying down there, and the wings are shot off, and the plane is over there, and the copilot looks at the pilot. Mad magazine is my favorite magazine. I have got to tell you, one time in Mad magazine, and this is why I love it, there was this picture of this World War II cockpit. They are flying in there, and there are bullet holes everywhere. The copilot slumped over, his mouth, blood running down. The wings are on fire, and they are flying that thing there, and the navigator leans over and he says, "Boy, it is rough." And the pilot says, "Yeah, and we are not even out of the hangar yet." That is life. To me, that is life. Maybe you had to be there.

But they are flying up there, the wings are shot off, the engines are on fire, everybody is dead. What does that pilot do? He looks at the navigator and he says, "You better send this distress signal." What is the national international distress signal? 500 kilocycles. What does he do? I

never understood this until I got the Bible. He flips that mic switch and he says, "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday." Why not April day? Why not January day? Why Mayday? April, May. Five in your Bible. It does not make any difference that the whole world does not believe what I am telling you today. That is the absolute standard.

I will tell you something else. I told you before at Greenwich, England, if you want to find out what time it is in America or any country on this Earth, you have got to go to England to get the right time. If you want to find out what time it is spiritually, you have got to get a Bible that kind of comes from out of England. So, in some way, why do you believe the King James Bible? Because Jacob in Hebrew means, or James in Hebrew means Jacob, Yaqubou. That is why he could not give a Bible when Elizabeth was on the throne or Edward was on the throne. That book is a Jewish book. He waited until a Jewish king, Jacob, got on the throne and then produced an English translation from the right country that gives you the right spiritual time. That is why.

In Genesis 6, when Noah went into the ark, he took the animals by sevens that were clean. In the Old Testament under the law, the feasts run by seven months, and then there are no more feasts after that. They run into multiples of seven days or seven weeks. When you got through seven years or seven times seven years, which made 49 years, the 50th year was the year of Jubilee, that is seven times seven. The Jew was told to work the land for six years and let it rest the seventh. The slave is told to work his master six years, and the seventh year he gets to go free.

There are seven trees in the garden back there in Genesis, the Garden of Eden. The Bible is told around the story of seven mountains in your Bible. In the Old Testament, there are seven titles for Christ in the first five books of the Bible, called the Pentateuch, before you ever get anywhere else. When Joshua took Jericho, he marched around that city seven times before the wall fell down. In Genesis 12 verse 18, Melchizedek, who was the perfect priesthood, you will find that title, the Order of Melchizedek, seven times in your Bible because it is a perfect priesthood. From Genesis chapter 1 to Genesis chapter 22, there are seven changes in this Earth through that period of time. Job was on the ground seven days being persecuted by the devil, and Solomon was seven years in building the temple.

The number seven is different from any other number because Genesis chapter 1, verses 1 and 2, says it was going to be holy and separate, and God set that number completely by itself and said, "I want you to see that because I am going to teach you systematically through a number seven." Some of the people who look at that just go, "How many of you ever shot craps in the army?" It is alright, you can do it, it is okay. I never did, but I wanted to know who did. Get your name down. If I was in a craps game, and I am down there, I lost all my money. Some guy comes up, "Seven, seven," 400 times he rolls the same dice number in a row. I am going to look at the dice. You have a book here that keeps coming up seven every time you turn to wherever you go, and we go, I am telling you, if I was in a craps game, I would be checking the dice. When I see a book that keeps coming up seven, seven, seven, seven, seven, I am going to check the book. Excuse me, I did not mean to get undignified there for a moment, but it just hit me.

There are seven laws in your Bible which everything runs by. It does not matter what you think about it. It does not matter what science says. Those seven laws are absolute, and the whole

world runs by them, whether you believe God in the Bible or not. You want to find out how to have a real working relationship with God that is real, that covers every aspect of not only your early years as a Christian but right down through your growth and brings you right to the place that you ought to be. There are seven men listed in the Old Testament by name that you can take their lives and you can figure it out. You want to deal with people who have really stressed seven suicides in the Bible, seven marriages in the Bible made distinct, seven barren women in the Bible that do not have any children and then have children. Seven concepts of the law in the book of Psalms. The Bible is likened to a seven-course meal in the Word of God.

#### *Hebrews 4:12*

*> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

There are seven stages of spiritual growth. There are seven things a Christian is told not to be ignorant of in the New Testament. There are seven years in the tribulation period, and when you get to the book of Revelation, it is about seven churches, seven plagues, seven vials, seven trumpets, seven angels, seven seals, and the term "the book" seven times. Paul in the New Testament wrote that there are seven churches. If you want to find God's systematic theology, I would just take a wild guess that it probably has something to do with seven. But that is just me. I just want to be dumb. I do not want to get smart.

Most of you know my three dogs. I have three labs. I have all three colors. I have a black one. I have a yellow one. And I have a brown one. We kiddingly call them Shem, Ham, and Japheth. But that is not their real names. The little black one who is the oldest, her name is Tinker. The little blonde one who is still somewhat a pup is Daisy. And the sister of Daisy is a brown one called Buddy, who is also a big pup. Buddy, without a doubt, is the dumbest dog in the world. No question about it. If he was here, he would shake his head yes to that statement.

The black one, Tinker. There is never a better ball player in the world than Tinker. I have seen that dog on a hot August afternoon play ball, and I had to, I started out with a tennis ball and just throwing it. My arm went out. I had to get a tennis racket and hit that ball. I watched that dog play ball so hard that she brought the ball back. We were on the side of a hill. She dropped the ball, and she collapsed and rolled down the hill. She was so out of gas. This dog never quits. She will die playing ball. She is as intense as they come. I remember in the house how I learned it. I was throwing the ball and playing the ball, and she would bring, and Barb knows this, she would bring the ball back up, she would drop it, and she would flip it back with her nose, and then she would get back down in that stance like, "Come on, let me have it again." The eyes would be "tennis ball, tennis ball, tennis ball." I have stood there from here to Jimmy, and I tried to whack that tennis ball, and it is coming out of there like Arnold Palmer hitting a drive down the green. That dog would be five feet away, and she will catch that ball, and the sound of that ball hitting her mouth sounds like somebody hitting a softball out of the field. She will bring that ball back up, spit it out, and go right back in that stance and say, "Is that all you got?" I have seen her gums bleeding at the end of that thing. She is as intense a ball player as you would ever want. She only

knows one thing: "Hit the ball to me again." But she is independent. She will come around you, and she loves you, she will come up and kiss you. You will be laying there on the couch taking a nap. When she gets to go out, she has a signal: she comes up and puts her nose right in your eye, and she just holds it there, and that is "Take me out," or "Step in something when you get up." You have got to learn her call, you have got to learn her personality.

I know some of you think this is stupid. That is because you never read Job 12:7.

*Job 12:7*

*> But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:*

You can learn something from animals. That is why God used them so many in the Bible.

Now you take Daisy. Daisy has a little bit of a handicap because when she was little, something happened, and she hurt her leg, and she cannot run as fast as the other two. But what she lacks in ability to run, she makes up in tenacity. This dog never quits, and she is a thinker. Honest to goodness, I have watched this dog sit down and work out a problem. You are laughing, I am telling you the truth. We have a gate in our basement that we put in that has a lock on it so the dogs cannot get in the other room. I had to put a cord on it to tie it down because Daisy figured out how to unlock it. I watched her one time around the corner, she walks up there, she looks around, she reaches up there and flips that thing with her nose and gets back, the door opens, and she gets her nose in and kicks that open, and the dogs are in hog heaven. She figured it out.

One night I was watching television, and they were playing with a tennis ball or something, and the ball bounced and went behind the TV set. I usually get it for them, but this was a really good show I was watching, and I said, "Forget it, you guys are making too much wreck anyhow," and it caught my attention. She came up, the other two dogs went on to something else. Tinker, timeout, taking a break. Is it day or night? I do not know. But Daisy goes over, lays down, sits down, and looks at that thing and cocks her head, thinks it through, and then gets up and goes around the back of it and sneaks in and gets it and brings it back around. I thought to myself, "Whoa, she thinks it through." I did not know dogs could do that.

Buddy, you take them out, throw the ball, boom. Tinker, in fact, I have got to take two balls because Daisy goes, you throw the ball to Daisy, she will jump up and get it. You hit that thing, Tinker will catch it, a 200-yard, she will catch it in the air. Buddy, you throw the ball, the ball goes over his head, after it passes, he tries to grab it, even though it is two feet past him, and he comes down and falls. With him, it is like with little kids at Easter time, you have got to put some eggs out where he can find them.

If my three dogs could eat an ice cream cone, here is how it works. You give one to Tinker, boom. Daisy would study it, "Chocolate is on this side, vanilla is on this side," she would eat it. Buddy would go, "What did he do?" He is the dumbest dog in the world. Buddy is my favorite. Why? Buddy only knows two things: he never wants to be out of my sight, and wherever I am at, he is going to protect me. Steve Bracken's dad came over my house a couple of weeks ago, and the way you go in, you go in the garage. We went into the garage, and the gate is right there, and

the dogs jump up, and Buddy, if he does not know you, he is very... The other two dogs, I take the dog out, and the neighbor is getting in the car, Tinker runs over and gets in the car. If anybody ever broke in a house, if they had a dog biscuit, Tinker said, "Come on in, the money is upstairs, and the guys are sleeping up there, I will keep them down, get him more biscuits." That is what would happen. Daisy, she is in her own world, but Buddy, uh-uh. Steve came in behind me, Steve Senior, we went up the steps, and Steve reached over to pet him, and Buddy growled at him, and he pulled his hand back, and Buddy leaped over that gate, got him by the shoulder, and pulled him over that gate, ripped his shirt. I felt terrible. I said, "Buddy, you have got to grab him higher than that if you want to get him over the fence."

When I am sitting down studying in the mornings, and I am down there, I have this little office chair, and I have to be careful because Tinker will get in her thing, Daisy will get her place. Nobody is in there. Buddy wraps himself around that leg so I cannot move. If he falls asleep, he will know when I move. This morning he was not there, and I took him out and fed him. I was sitting over at that desk, and it happened all the time. I look over at my shoulder to see what they are doing. Tinker, she is sleeping. Daisy, she is on her back, head back, sound asleep. Buddy is facing me with his head on the thing with his eyes open, just looking at me, just watching me. That dog wants to go everywhere. He wants to do two things in life. He wants to protect me, and he wants to be wherever I go.

Every morning when I sit down and study my Bible, I say, "God, make me just like that dog is with me. Make me never want to leave Your side just like that dog. Make me protect Your Word and protect Your integrity just like that dog that tries to protect mine. God, make me a Buddy. Do not make me the biggest, fastest ball player in the world. Do not make me somebody who can figure it all out. Make me dumb enough to believe everything You say, and just let me be like Buddy today." I mean that because that Bible says God teaches some things from animals.

## VI. Doctrine as a Safety Net

I am just going to be honest, and I am getting ready to shut it down here. If you are ever going to learn the Bible, then you are going to have to learn doctrine. The Bible says that doctrine is for proof, for construction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. If you are ever going to do a work for God, then you are going to have to realize you are going to have to learn the infrastructure of the Bible. The Bible is not a book that just means that it means many things to many people. Everything is relevant. No, the Bible is teaching an absolute truth of God and laying out God's plan without any variations.

That is why bad Bible doctrine in the Word of God is likened to two things. Ephesians chapter 4 is likened to wind. In Galatians chapter 5, it is likened to leaven. Wind because it blows people all over the place. This is the kind of person, Christian, who does not understand their Bible. Nobody ever worked with them, and I understand a lot of young Christians in this way. So it is not about if you do not understand it. It is about the people who never want to learn it. They believe one thing today, something else tomorrow, every new thing that hits the Internet, every

new thing around the water cooler, every new thing. There is no stability in their life of not only what they believe, but why they even believe what they believe. They pick up everything.

Then the other one is leaven.

*Galatians 5:9*

*> A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.*

You never let bad doctrine in anywhere because it is like that action of leaven in bread that makes that molting that in time permeates everything and destroys everything that is truth.

The unknown doctrines today are basically the average Christian has no idea about eternal security. The average Christian has no idea of whatever happened the day they got saved. They do not understand about baptism. They do not understand about God dealing with Israel. They would not be able, the average Christian would not be able to tell you if they are amillennial, premillennial, or postmillennial, if it took understanding that to get them to heaven. They do not know the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. They do not know if tongues are right or healing is right or wrong. They do not know about the need of Christ. They look around there and they see churches called Mormon, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Calvinist, Roman Catholic, Unity, you name it, Episcopalian, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh-day Adventists. They look at that whole thing out there, and they scratch their head and they say, "Why are there so many churches?" I can tell it to you in one word: doctrine. They all differ in what they teach.

This is why Hebrews chapter 5 verse 12 says, when the writer of Hebrews says, "You have had time, you ought to be teachers." You ought to be teaching the Word of God. You have been saved long enough now. You really ought to be impacting people's lives with the Word of God. But what do we have to do? We have to teach you over and over and over and over again the basic fundamental principles that you have never got. I do not want that to happen here. I want to give it to you one time. I want it to stick. The only way I can make it stick and guarantee that it will stick is to make you individually. The mass production Christian era will never fit in here. You are all different. You all have different desires. You all have different dreams. You all have different gifts. You are all as different as night and day. Every one of you, and trying to cut the Word of God to the masses may work in a temporary way, but it will never build in your life what you need built. You have to be taken and molded and fashioned one person at a time.

*1 Corinthians 14:33*

*> For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

*James 3:16*

*> For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*

That simply states it. God has a very easy, systematic way of teaching you the Bible, and I am telling you, it is based on the number seven. It is God's systematic way of laying out the Scriptures in a format that everybody can learn it the quickest way to St. Louis. We are going to

attack this system in the next two, three years, whatever it takes, and we are going to work it, we are going to rework it, we are going to come through it, and at the end, we are going to begin now, next week, to put the infrastructure into your building program. It does not matter where you come in, it does not matter where you start, it only matters that you start. We can build the rest of those things into your life in process.

You are going to find as we come through that these things are what I call the safety net in bad doctrine. A couple of years ago, I saw a television presentation, I think it was on the History Channel, about the Great Wallendas Family. The Great Wallendas Family was a high-wire act, and they were not just a family, they were two or three generations of high-wire walkers. They were the most incredible, they were the name in high wire. When you walk with a pole, a wire in a circus, or you do a... it scares me to death. I get up a step ladder, I am ready to fall off. But they walked that thing, and they would do backflips, they would ride a bike on it. Their greatest act was, two of them, three of them on a wire, holding poles with chairs on it, and like a pyramid of six tiered up on every, all depending on three or four people with their creases in the middle of their feet holding on to that wire. Incredible. They were the greatest family.

Several times they faced disaster. One time in New York City, all 14 of them were on that pyramid, and the pyramid collapsed. Two of them got killed, a couple of them were crippled for life, but they went on. The old man who started it all died in about 1975. I do not even know if they are still around today. But the old man died in 1975 down in Central America, South America. He was old, and he was doing a lone high-wire act, and he was like 300 feet off the ground between two high-rise apartments. They got it on video. They showed the video. The guy was old, he was up there, and he is walking across with his pole like this, and when he gets in the middle, it is very obvious that he loses his balance. A gust of wind comes along and throws him off balance even more. All of a sudden, he drops the pole, he falls, he grabs it under the wire, but he cannot hold on, he falls 300 feet, and he is killed.

I looked at that that day, and I watched that, and I thought to myself, that is exactly what happened to a lot of Christians. The Wallenda family took pride in the fact that they never used a safety net. Never in all of the years. You go to the circus, and they always have a net underneath. If I was doing it, I am not fighting it. If I was doing it, it would be four or five nets underneath. There would be one about a foot below the wire, and then six more below that in case I went through that one. They never used a net. Never. They never used all of their work without any safety net. When I saw that old man fall, I thought to myself, "Boy, there are so many Christians that are just like that." What got him off? He got blown off by the wind. The Bible says that false doctrine is the wind that blows us off course. It blew him off that wire. Because there was no safety net, he fell to his death.

What God's systematic study does for you is provide a safety net of doctrine so that when you fall, you get caught by the net. Let me tell you what I mean. The Bible talks about, and we are going to go through these. The Bible says that there are seven mysteries to the church. The Bible says there are seven resurrections in your Bible. The Bible says that there are seven baptisms in your Bible. The Bible says there are seven judgments in the Bible. The Bible says there is a

system called the seven sevens that shows you the time of His coming. There are many, many more. We are going to go through them all.

What it does is this: when you study the seven mysteries, God teaches you four or five doctrines, and they come across this way. Then you teach the seven resurrections, and God will teach you three or four or five more doctrines that are different but connect, and they come across this way. What you form in time by getting all these things laid out is really a grid pattern, a Bible doctrine that acts as a safety net that when the world wind blows, when the world comes at you, when whatever befalls you that wants to knock you off your wire, you are caught by the safety net of Bible doctrine, and you never fall to the ground. I do not know any other way to illustrate it. It is just like that. It is God's absolute system of infallible teaching based on a book given by God to man, which is the truth of God that reveals God's plan to man. Out of that teaching and out of this material will rise the leadership of men and women who five, ten, fifteen years from now will be taking men and women in ministries and doing with them exactly what I would do with them now. The difference between you then and now and then will be nobody will shake you. Nobody will shake you. There will not be anything you read. Some of you are already there. Nothing will ever shake you. There will never be no going back. There will not be, "Well, I heard this today, and I wonder if that really..." It will never be any of those days. You will be 100 percent grounded in that book that whatever comes your way will never blow you off course because there is always the safety net of absolute basic Bible doctrine that keeps you from falling. Next week we go to work.