

First Things First (Understand God's Word)

This series of articles about “First Things” illustrates a basic fact—YOU can understand what God has said.

Adam and Eve understood God when He told them to be fruitful, rule the animals, eat of most trees, and avoid eating from one tree (Genesis 1-2). Israel understood the law which they often rebelled against (Exodus 19). When Jesus spoke, did people understand? Yes, and that is the reason many people wanted Him dead, while a few followed Him!

You might be surprised to know how many churches do not believe this. A Catholic Cardinal wrote, “Is the Bible a book intelligible to all? Far from it...” (*The Faith of our Fathers* www.cathcorn.org/foof/8.html). Many Protestant, especially *Reformed*, churches say you cannot understand the Bible until your mind is miraculously changed--making a simple matter seem complex. God *desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth* (1 Timothy 2:4). Humble yourself before the Creator, learn “first things first,” and accept and obey what you learn. Herein, you understand the fear, will, and words of the Lord (Prov. 1:7; Eph. 5:17; 3:3-4). Send us your comments or questions on this or any Bible topic.