

FIRST MENTIONED PRINCIPLE

1. Definition

- This is where the Bible first mentions a topic and the entire truth or doctrine can be wrapped up from that verse
- Here are a few examples

2. The business of Satan

- This is indicated in the first words spoken by him to man Gen 3:1
- This is direct opposition to the Word of God and Satan's business is opposing the Word.
 - a. The special sphere of Satan's activities is not criminal nor immoral but religious
 - b. He questions and attacks God Word
- His first words in the Old Testament was "Has God indeed said" and in the New Testament his first words were "If you are the Son of God" Mat 4:3
- A modernistic sermon could be preached in 4 words "Has God indeed said" "Does God still heal"

3. Christ's ministry

- The first words of Jesus were "Why did you seek me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" – Lk 2:49
- Nothing could be more simple and prophetic than this statement of His mission here on earth.
- It is backed up by Jhn 18:37
- When they nailed him on the cross His last words were "It is finished"-Jhn 19:30
- His whole life was given to his Father's business

4. Holy Spirits function

- He is first recorded in Gen 1:2
- "Moved" means "brooded " as a bird broods over a nest of eggs
- It is translated "moved" because when a hen broods over her eggs, there is a constant movement in the breast of the hen which creates heat
- The hen broods to bring Light out of darkness
- The Spirit brings life and order out of chaos

• The Spirit broods and moves over every sinner saved – Jhn 3:5,8

5. Salvation

- The first time blood is mentioned is Gen 3:21
- This instituted that there must be shedding of blood to cover sin Heb 9:22
- Jesus had to shed His blood to wash our sin away Heb 13:12
- Our sin is washed away Rev 1:5

6. Summary

Study the first time is a thing is mentioned. It always has importance