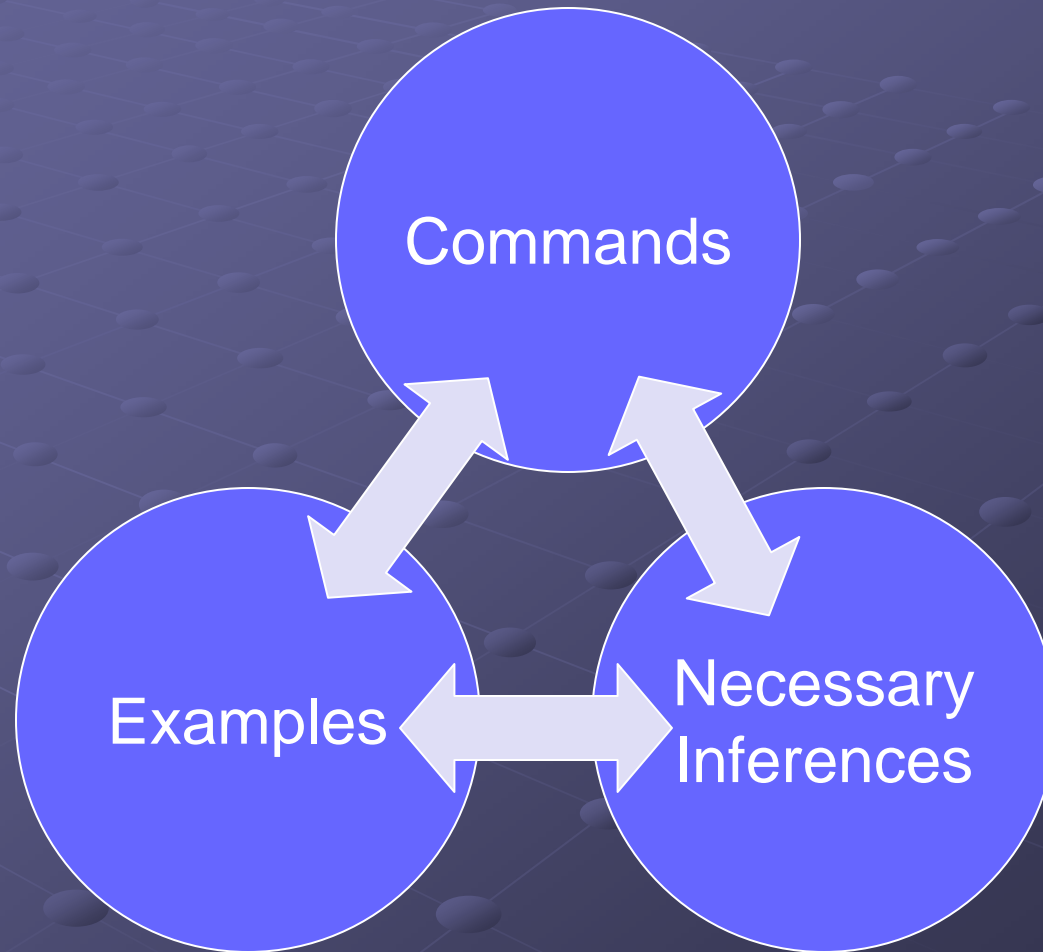


“The Sum of Your Word is Truth”

How Scriptures Interact With Each
Other

Bible Authority



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John 20:30-31; 21:25

³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

²⁵And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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2 Corinthians 11:23-27

²³Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

²⁶in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-- NKJV

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- It is **complete** in that all needed things are provided (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

2 Peter 1:3

³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, NKJV

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- The command to build an ark restricted by specific details – Gen. 6:14-15

Genesis 6:14-15

¹⁴ **“Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵And this is how you shall make it:** The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. NKJV

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- Ephesians 5:19 NKJV

³⁰And when they had **sung a hymn**, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- Matthew 26:30 NKJV

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- Example of no classes does not exclude the use of classes (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7)

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²⁵not forsaking **the assembling of ourselves together**, as in the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:25 NKJV

⁷Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. ⁸There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. - Acts 20:7-8 NKJV

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⁵Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,
⁶and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”
⁷Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”

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¹⁵Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. – Exodus 35:15 NKJV

²² “Moses therefore gave you circumcision ... and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?”

– John 7:22-23 NKJV

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- Missionary society fulfills some commands, violates others (1 Pet 5:1-4; Acts 20:28)

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