

Hopefully we can find common ground in our understanding that Jesus spoke only in Parables.

Matt 13:10-14:

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

Mark 4:34:

But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

But what about God? Did God also speak in parables and allegories? The answer is clear by the reading of the following scriptures.

Old Testament Scriptures

Psalms 78:2:

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old."

Dark sayings of old are ancient teachings in the forms of riddles and parables. The Biblical writers call them "dark" because the meanings are hidden, or concealed. They are meant to figure out through careful meditation, prayer, and contemplation.

Why would the Lord speak to us like this? The answer is provided in the following scriptures.

Proverbs 25:2:

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."

God's glory is always concealed from the lower, or natural man. It's an honor to become a king and figure it out. How do we become a king? Kings are symbolic for the ruling quality of the soul. We become symbolic kings by learning the spiritual meaning to the scriptures and applying them. As I stated in scripture number 1, we must involve our minds in careful meditation and prayer when thinking about the scriptures in order to understand their deeper meanings.

Proverbs 1:5-6:

*"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and man of understanding will attain unto wise councils: **to understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.**"*

Notice how the above scriptures states that proverbs need an *interpretation*. This is not just referring to the book of Proverbs; it's speaking about all scripture. The dark sayings of the wise, which need to be interpreted, are parables and mythology that conceal spiritual truth.

Ezekiel 20:49:

“Then said I, Ah Lord God! They say of me, doth he not speak in parables?”

Ezekiel is clearly stating God speaks in parables.

Ezekiel 17:2:

“Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel.”

Again, we can see that God loves riddles!

Isaiah 6:9-10

“And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.”

Besides being a prophecy fulfilled in the New Testament, God is telling us through this scripture that when most hear or see the scriptural stories and sayings, they do not understand. Our hearts have to be opened to the spiritual truth which is beyond any literal interpretation or meaning.

Let us compare this to the New Testament Scriptures:

Matthew 13:34:

“All these things spoke Jesus unto the multitudes in parables, and without a parable spake he not unto them.”

As you can see, Jesus didn't speak to the multitude unless it was in a parable. Why would he do this?

Mark 4:11:

“And he said unto them, unto you it is given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but unto them who are without, all these things are done in parables.”

Who are those without? It is those who do not realize that the kingdom of heaven is *within* (Luke 17:21). Notice also how Jesus said the kingdom of God is a mystery. It, too, is part of the dark sayings of old. The entire Gospel story and the Old Testament is all a dark saying of old.

2 Corinthians 3:6:

“Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”

Paul is telling us that the New Testament is not of the letter (literal), but of the spirit (spiritual). The letter of the law or the literal leads to death because the literal interpretation has no life in it. Anyone who stops at the literal interpretation will eventually die in what they think (doctrines) when life has run its course. The literal interpretation cannot transform a person's mind. It is the spiritual interpretation, especially when understood properly, that opens the heart and mind to the truth

which is beyond any literal or physical interpretation.

Galatians 4:24:

“Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants, the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.”

Notice how Paul directly states that the story of Isaac, Ishmael, Sara and Hagar are an allegory. They are the two covenants, one of promise (faith) and the other of bondage. The Greek word Paul uses literally translates as allegory, which in English means, ***an expressive style that uses fictional characters an events to describe some subject by suggestive resemblances.***

2 Corinthians 4:3:

“But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to them that are lost.”

Paul is telling us that the spiritually lost see the Gospel through a veil. This is because without the proper understanding and knowledge, the Bible becomes a letter that kills and confuses (with hundreds of opposing doctrines), not one that gives life (the true understanding).

2 Corinthians 3:14:

“But their minds were blinded: for unto this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ.”

I want to make a few important notes here. Paul didn't consider any of his writings or any of the New Testament scripture. It is a known fact that he wrote his letters before the Gospels were penned, so Paul didn't even have a New Testament, nor did the church during his day. The Old Testament was the only thing considered scripture. This is why Paul emphasizes the Old Testament above. For him the New Testament was a spiritual interpretation that was not of the letter of the law, not some book we refer to as the New Testament. For Paul, Christ is the spirit that is born in us, which also gives us the true interpretation to scripture. When the Christ arises, spiritual interpretation comes in as intuition, for it is all spiritual anyway.

1 Corinthians 2:7:

“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.”

Notice how Paul states that the wisdom of God is a hidden mystery. The Greek word for hidden means *higher spiritual* wisdom, which is again is spiritual, not literal.

1 Colossians 1:26:

“Even the mystery which has been hid from the ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.”

The saints are like the kings who interpret the word correctly. They are the spiritually pure and are able to peer beyond the literal for true understanding.

Matthew 22:29:

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees who interpret scripture by the letter, or literal interpretation. If the

scriptures were meant to be literal, do you think Jesus really could have said this to the very experts who knew scripture by heart better than anyone in their day?

Hebrews 5:13:

“For everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.”

Here the author of Hebrews is explaining that everyone who doesn't understand the hidden meanings of the word is unskillful. A babe is the one who stops at the literal meaning instead of diving beneath it for the spiritual meat that is the only interpretation that gives life.

Now for a personal opinion, and as I always state, please refer only to the Spirit when seeking deeper truths, using my insights only as a sign-post pointing back to Christ.

In the Bible, Scriptures are Referred to as *Scriptures*, not *the Word of God*

2 Cor 3:6: The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Below are New Testament Verses that Refer to Scripture as *scripture* and not *the word*. Every reference to *the word* in the Bible has been translated from the Greek words *logos* or *rhema*, both of which refer to words spoken by a living voice.

1. John 5:37-40

You have neither heard the Father's voice nor seen his form.

But you do not have His **word** abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

You search the **Scriptures**, for in them *you think* you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

But you are not willing to *come to me* that you may have life.

Jesus has just told us that **reading the Bible does not lead to eternal life**, because that is not [coming to Him](#).

In these four verses Jesus also speaks of His **word *abiding*** in you : ["But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe."](#)

By this verse **Jesus makes a clear distinction between the word** of God, and the **Scriptures**. From [the Word of the Lord within](#):

- Why would He contrast them if He didn't want to distinguish them.
- Calling the Bible 'the word' is the most deceptive lie of religion.
- Woe be to them, for they have coupled an external form between the love of God to man.
- [Ten words from Him are better than ten copied letters](#).

Why is calling the Bible "*the word*" the most deceptive lie in religion?—because then people read "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey," in Luke 11:28; thinking it means to read the Bible instead of quietly listening for [God to speak His words](#) to them. Religion has put a book between God and man, separating man from God's love, creating [a form of godliness with no power](#), as He said: "Woe be to them for they have coupled an external form between God and man."

The Greek for word [in \(click to see\) verse 38](#) is [logon <3056>](#): which means 1) of speech; 1a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea; 1b) what someone has said.

Just to be clear, [the Greek for scripture in verse 39](#) is [grafav \(from graphe\) <1124>](#), which means 1) a writing, thing written; 2) the Scripture, used to denote either the book itself, or its contents; 3) a certain portion or section of the Holy Scripture.

There are clear differences in the Greek words for both, which shows no possibility of misinterpretation.

There is not one verse in the Bible that references "studying the word" or "searching the word" or as "the word was written" or "read the word" or "opening the word" or "showing by the word" or "understanding the word" or "holy word" because the word "scriptures" is always used instead.

2. **John 10:35**

So he called them gods, men to whom the **word of God** came, and the **scripture** cannot be broken;

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3. **Daniel 9:2**

[In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.](#)

As seen above, the **scriptures** and the **word** of the Lord **are different.**

[The word of God is living and active, Heb 10:12](#)

Jesus said, **[The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life-giving. John 6:63](#)**

4. **Acts 17:11**

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received **the word** with all readiness of mind, and searched the **scriptures** daily, whether those things were so.

From [the Word of the Lord within](#):

- [Studying the Bible](#) is a [work of the flesh](#).
- Studying the Bible is like studying the Law.
- [Ten words from Him](#) are better than ten copied letters.

Why are ten words from Him, (that you [hear Him speak to you](#)), are better than reading ten

of the New Testament letters?—because [His words that you hear Him speak to you impart the life of God to your heart, John 6:63; but reading ten letters is just a work of the flesh, which profits nothing.](#) Reading the Bible is valuable for understanding what is sin and for maintaining your hope in the true gospel; however, to be of value, your **hope must** be in [the true gospel](#) and the benefit of [bearing the cross](#) to realize those promises.

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The word is not a book, not a writing, not a scroll, not a scripture; the word is the voice of a living being, who is the [anointing](#), Christ, [whose name is the word of God](#), which [word speaks to you from within your heart](#); that is [the word of faith that the Apostles preached](#).

5. [John 2:22](#)

Therefore when he had risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this to them; and [they believed the scripture](#), and **the word** which Jesus had spoken.

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6. [2 Peter 3:15-17](#)

and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation — as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the *other scriptures*, unto their own destruction.

You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

Peter also categorizes Paul's epistles as *scriptures*, not *the word*.

7. [Matthew 21:42](#)

Jesus saith unto them, Did you never read in the **scriptures**, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Notice! Jesus did not say: "Did you ever read *the word*;" and **he never spoke of reading "the word";** He always referred to reading or knowing scriptures as "scriptures." **He never spoke of "the word" being fulfilled;** He always spoke of scriptures as being fulfilled.

8. [Matthew 22:29](#)

Jesus answered and said unto them, you do err, not knowing the **scriptures**, nor the power of God.

9. [Matthew 26:54](#)

But how then would the **Scriptures** be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

10. [Matthew 26:56](#)

But all this was done, that the **scriptures** of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

11. [Mark 12:10](#)

Have you not read this scripture: [The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.](#)

12. [Mark 12:24](#)

And Jesus answering said unto them, "Do you not therefore err, because you do know not the **scriptures**, neither the power of God?"

13. [Mark 14:49](#)

I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me: but the **scriptures** must be fulfilled.

14. [Mark 15:28](#)

And **the scripture** was fulfilled, which said, ["And he was numbered with the transgressors."](#)

15. [Luke 4:21](#)

[And he said to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."](#)

16. [Luke 22:37](#)

For I say to you that **this scripture** must be fulfilled in me: ["And he was numbered with the transgressors;"](#) for what is written about me will have its fulfillment."

17. [Luke 24:27](#)

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all **the scriptures** the things concerning himself.

18. [Luke 24:32](#)

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us **the scriptures**?

19. [Luke 24:45](#)

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand **the scriptures**.

20. [John 7:38](#)

He who believes on me, as **the scripture** has said, ["out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."](#)

21. [John 7:42](#)

Has not **the scripture** said that Christ [comes from the seed of David](#), and [out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was](#)?

22. [John 13:18](#)

I do not speak regarding all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but it is that **the scripture** may be fulfilled, ['He who eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.'](#)

23. [John 19:24](#)

Therefore they said among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but instead cast lots for it, to determine whose it shall be." Thus **the scripture** was fulfilled, which said, ["They parted my garments among them, and cast lots for my clothing."](#) Therefore the soldiers did these things.

24. [John 19:36](#)

For these things were done, fulfilling the prophecy of **scripture**: ["Not one of his bones will be broken."](#)

25. [John 20:9](#)

For as of yet they did not know **the scripture**, which said "he must rise again from the dead."

26. [John 19:28](#)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, said ["I thirst;"](#) to fulfill the prophecy of **scripture**.

27. [John 19:37](#)

And again, another **scripture** was fulfilled, ["They will look on him whom they have pierced."](#)

28. [Acts 1:16](#)

Men and brothers, it was necessary that **the scripture** be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, who acted as a guide to those who took Jesus.

29. [Acts 8:32](#)

Now the place in **the scripture** that he read was this, ["He was led like a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, he did not open his mouth."](#)

30. [Acts 8:35](#)

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at **the same scripture** preached to him [the new covenant of] Jesus.

31. [Acts 17:2](#)

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the **scriptures**.

32. [Acts 18:24](#)

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the **scriptures**, came to Ephesus.

33. [Acts 18:28](#)

For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the **scriptures** that Jesus was Christ.

34. [Romans 1:2](#)

(Which he had promised before by his prophets in the holy **scriptures**.)

35. **Romans 4:3**

For what does **the scripture** say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness."

36. **Romans 9:17**

For **the scripture** said to Pharaoh, "Even for this same purpose have I raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth."

37. **Romans 10:11**

For **the scripture** said, "Whoever believes in him will not be ashamed."

38. **Romans 11:2**

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what **the scripture** said of Elijah? How he makes intercession to God against Israel saying,

39. **Romans 15:4**

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the **scriptures** might have hope.

40. **Romans 16:26**

But now is made manifest, and by the **scriptures** of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.

41. **1 Corinthians 15:3**

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the **scriptures**.

42. **1 Corinthians 15:4**

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the **scriptures**.

43. **Galatians 3:8**

And [know] **the scripture**, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, [God] preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you will all nations be blessed."

44. **Galatians 3:22**

But **the scriptures** show all men are bound under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

45. **Galatians 4:30**

Nevertheless what did **the scripture** say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son; for the son of the slave woman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman."

46. **1 Timothy 5:18**

For **the scripture** said, "You shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain." And, "The laborer is worthy of his reward."

47. **2 Timothy 3:15**

And that from a child thou hast known the holy **scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

48. **2 Timothy 3:16**

All **scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;

49. **James 2:8**

If you really fulfill the royal law according to **the scripture**, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

50. **James 4:5**

Do you think that **the scripture** said in vain, "The spirit that dwells in us lusts with envy?"

51. **James 2:23**

And **the scripture** was fulfilled that said, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed [accounted] to him as righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God."

52. **1 Peter 2:6**

Therefore this is contained in **the scripture**: "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect and precious, and he who believes in him will not be disappointed or put to shame."

53. **2 Peter 1:20**

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of **the scripture** ever comes about by the prophet's own imagination.

54. **2 Peter 3:16**

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