

Sun 5pm Feb 23, 2025

Jesus used figures of speech often in his teaching. The prophets and apostles used figures of speech in their preaching and writing. If we want to understand what they said and wrote, we need to be aware of the use of figures of speech and endeavor to identify them and properly interpret them. A challenge? Yes, but worth the effort to understand the grandest Book in the annals of history, and the most important to our life and well-being!

“Dialogue”

“Dialogue” - “A conversation between two or more people.”

In the use of the figure, the other person/s may or may not be actually speaking/writing, but represented as such, i.e., their view and comments.

In the class we will discuss the following passages as time allows. They demonstrate this figure of speech and the value of being aware of it. You should find it interesting!

A challenging, but good exercise—can you identify the respective speakers and their words? As in normal conversation, it goes back and forth.

There are no hard and fast rules as to who is speaking—one must consider what is being said or spoken in the light of the context of the discussion and harmony with clear teaching of Scripture.

Hab 1:2 ... 5 ... 12 ... 2:2 — Habakkuk and the Lord

1Co 6:12-18 — Paul and licentious gnostic

1Co 8:4-9 — Paul and Corinthians (reflecting gnosticism)

Rom 3:1-8 — Paul and the Jew