

# PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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## “I JUST CAN’T UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE”

Everyone I have ever met wants to go to heaven one day and be with God. However, most of those same people do not wish to take the time to study the Bible in order to find out how to ensure safe passage to glory (**Ps.73:24**).

Often when I ask people why they do not open up a copy of the Bible and read, I receive “answers” like: “*I just cannot understand Bible,*” or “*The Bible is too difficult to grasp.*” I am sure you have heard similar expressions. Yet, despite what so many say, God’s Word can be understood, period.

Moreover, to suggest otherwise is to transform God into someone really ugly. In fact, if the Bible cannot be understood then I affirm that God is someone nobody would want to spend eternity with. Below I will demonstrate that such is the case.

God is both timeless and all-knowing (**Ps. 90:2; 139:1-6; Prv. 15:3; Heb. 4:12**). The Bible is the handiwork of God (**2 Pet.1:20-21; 2 Sam. 23:1-2**). Now think about this with me. If the Bible cannot be understood, then God must have known ahead of time that He would give us writings that cannot be understood. If such were the case, it would do no less than impugn the very nature of God (**1 Cor. 14:33; Js. 1:17**); turning Him into some sort of cruel prankster. Surely, no one who wants to go to heaven will accept such nonsense.

If the Bible really cannot be understood, then God must be the most demented and meanest of beings. How so, you ask? Follow the reasoning. God has commanded Christians to teach the lost the Word of God (**Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim.2:2**). Many who have taken the Word to the lost have suffered tremendously for so doing (cf. **Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 12:1-2; Plp. 3:8; et al**). Thus, if the Bible really is incomprehensible, as many claim, then all those who have suffered for the sake of propagating God’s Word have suffered, bled and died for nothing at the command of God – turning Him into a sadist.

If the Bible really cannot be understood, then God becomes a liar. Yes, you read that right. Here’s why. God is the author of Scripture (**2 Tim.3:16-17**). If those who say God’s Word cannot be understood have a valid claim, then He has made many false statements about His Word in that time and again we find statements in the Bible which assert that His Word can, in fact, be understood. For example, if those who say the Bible cannot be understood are correct then **John 8:31-32** would be a lie authored by God. **John 20:30-31** would be another lie authored by God. **Romans 10:13-17** would be another. **Acts 17:10-12** would be yet another; etc, etc, etc.

If the Bible really cannot be understood, then God must be very unfair. I affirm such in that if the Bible cannot be understood then God has demanded many impossible things. For instance, **1 John 3:4** states that sin is a transgression of God’s Law (His Word). If we cannot understand God’s Word then we cannot know when someone has sinned and thereby cannot fulfill passages like: **Matt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Thess. 3:6, et al**.

If the Bible really cannot be understood, God becomes inept. Let me demonstrate just why such is the case. God has made it crystal clear in His word that Christians are to all speak the same thing, with no divisions amongst them, and that they are to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (**1 Cor. 1:10**) through a study of His Word (**2 Tim. 2:15**). Yet, per the modern claim, the goal can never be reached because the Bible is not able to be understood. If such is the case, then whose fault is it? It would be God’s fault. He would be the one who bungled the blueprint, so to speak.

In summary, if humanistic thinking is correct and the Bible really cannot be understood, it must follow that:

- God is a cruel prankster.
- God is a sadist.
- God is a liar.
- God is unfair.
- God is inept.

Who can believe such? Listen, the Bible can be understood. It just takes a little effort.