

GLOSSARY

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CHAPTER 1

Ancient: “. . . ask for the *ancient* paths” (Jeremiah 6:16). Concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; time out of mind. From the root word: to veil from site, i.e. to conceal (Strong's Hebrew #5769, #5956.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Ancient, concealed.

Concealed. Jeremiah urges us to ask for the ancient way to God. Though it is concealed, it can be found by those who are willing to search for it with all their hearts. There is no new, easy path that shortcuts a genuine heart change. Jesus said this road is narrow and difficult – few will find it.

Easy: “For My yoke is *easy* and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:30). Profitable, fit, good for any use (Zodhiates #5543.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Profitable.

Jesus' point was that compared to your natural yoke of slavery to self, His yoke is profitable and valuable. Only under the yoke of Christ will you be able to plow up your fallow ground and bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Repent: Repent, change the mind, relent. From two root words: denoting change of place or condition, and to exercise the mind, think, comprehend (Zodhiates #3340, #3326, #3539.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Change.

To change the mind is to let go of your old perception, your old understanding – and then choose the new insight God is revealing to you. What the heart chooses, the mind obeys. And when God truly changes your mind – your thoughts, motives, and actions will follow.

CHAPTER 2

Truth: Truth, reality; the unveiled reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance; the manifested, the veritable essence of matter (Zodhiates #225.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Unveiled reality.

There is only one God, therefore, there is only one truth. And it is this one truth that God speaks to you, unveiling the reality of all things. Everyone who is of this truth, hears His voice (John 18:37) – those who are not of this truth, exchange the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25).

Eye: “The *eye* is the lamp of the body . . .” (Matthew 6:22). To see, perceive with the eyes, to look at, implying not only the mere act of seeing but also the actual perception of what one sees (Zodhiates #3788, #3700.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Perception.

Your eye is your personal perception. Good or bad, this is the way you choose to perceive yourself, others, and the world around you. Few are willing to forsake their perception for the truth of God.

Clear: “. . . if your eye is *clear*, your whole body will be full of light” (Matthew 6:22). Single, i.e. not complex, easy, used of the

eye as not seeing double as when it is diseased. When the eye accomplishes its purpose of seeing things as they are, then it is single, healthy, perfect. Singleness, simplicity, absence of folds (Zodhiates #573.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Single.

Since all are born with the disease of sin blurring the eyes of their heart, healing is needed in order to have a clear perception. Only after God changes our double-vision will we be able to see reality and know the truth for what it really is.

Bad: “But if your eye is *bad*, your whole body will be full of darkness” (Matthew 6:23). Evil in a moral or spiritual sense, wicked, malicious, mischievous. From the root word: travail, toil, pain. It is labor which demands the whole strength of man (Zodhiates #4190, #4192.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Wicked from laboring in the strength of man.

According to the Greek definition, that which is bad is evil. It is evil because it roots from the labor of man. No matter how ‘good’ you want your perception to be, if it comes from your own understanding, *you* have created it. It is from your own labor, and thus it is evil.

Stumble: To cause to stumble, fall, to offend. From the root word: the trigger of a trap on which the bait is placed, and which, when touched by the animal, springs and causes it to close causing entrapment. *Skandalon* always denotes an enticement to conduct which leads to ruin (Zodhiates #4624, #4625.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Offend.

Although in contemporary society offense is often blamed on the offending party, offense is actually a chosen course of conduct by the person who is offended. It is the offended person who decides selfishly to garner value for himself by taking the sin-

separating bait of self-justification. (Jesus offended many in John 6:52-66.)

See: “In a little while you will *see* me no more . . .” (John 16:16). To gaze, to look with interest and for a purpose, usually indicating the careful observation of details (Zodhiates #2334); to be a spectator of (Strong’s Greek #2334.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Spectate.

See: “. . . and then after a little while you will *see* me” (John 16:16). To see, to perceive with the eyes, to look at, implying not only the mere act of seeing but also the actual perception of what one sees (Zodhiates #3700.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Perceive.

Of what value is it to be a simple spectator who merely observes but never perceives? All the careful observation in the world is useless without the understanding that only God can give.

CHAPTER 3

Believe: To believe, have faith in, to trust (Zodhiates #4100.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Trust.

To truly believe is to trust God. A genuine trust completely relies upon God, having full confidence that what He says is true. When you trust what God speaks to you, know that He is solid and steadfast. What God reveals will not only stand trustworthy today, but will stand the test of time. God can be trusted.

Seek: “. . . He is a rewarder of those who *seek* Him” (Hebrews 11:6). To seek out, search diligently for anything lost (Zodhiates #1567.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Search diligently.

You have as much of God as you desire. So, how much do you really want God? Those who seek, search, and cry out for God – find God. If you are willing to seek Him with all your heart you will be rewarded. Will you be diligent?

CHAPTER 4

Grace: “For by *grace* you have been saved through faith . . .” (Ephesians 2:8). Graciousness, of a manner or act, the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life, including gratitude (Strong’s Greek #5485.)

WORKING DEFINITION: God’s changing influence.

The benefit of God’s grace influence – salvation – is conditional on trust (Ephesians 2:8). When trusted, His changing influence causes transformation. It affects the very heart of a man, delivering him from a life of self-bondage. God makes this life-changing influence available to all, but only those who are changed by it will be saved. (See Titus 2:11-12 for the definition of grace as found in the Scriptures.)

Instructing: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, *instructing* us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires . . .” (Titus 2:11-12). Originally to bring up a child, to educate, used of activity directed toward the moral and spiritual nurture and training of the child, to influence conscious will and action. To instruct, particularly a child or youth (Zodhiates #3811.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Training the will and action.

As God speaks to us, His grace is instructing us how to be righteous. To be made right with God we must accept the influence that trains us to say no to the ungodliness in our lives. The person who is delivered by God’s instructing grace lets go of worldly desires rather than just excusing them or explaining them away.

Mercy: Mercy, compassion. To show compassion (Zodhiates #1653, #1656.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Compassion.

Only God is truly compassionate, and He shows mercy on whomever He pleases. Unlike grace, the compassion of mercy can affect the life without the condition of faith. Because of His compassion, God paid the penalty for sin by dying on the cross. Because of His compassion, He rose again – proving that death could not hold Him. And because of His compassion, we can know the mercy of the cross when we are willing to know the changing grace of that same cross.

Gospel: Originally a reward for good news, later becoming good news (Zodhiates #2098.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Good news.

The good news is more than just a story about Jesus. The good news is also more than just a religious concept passed on from one generation to another. The good news is: God has made a way for you to be delivered from the dominion of sin and self. You don't have to stay the same anymore. You can be set free from daily sin if you will let Jesus apply the cross to your life.

Vain: “. . . we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in *vain*” (II Corinthians 6:1). Empty, hollow (Zodhiates #2756.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Empty, hollow.

To receive God's changing influence in vain is to treat the things He says as if they were hollow and void of value. God is not empty. He is full of what is good, and right, and valuable. To treat His influence on you as a light thing is to discredit the God of the Universe Himself.

CHAPTER 5

Faith: Faith. Firm persuasion, conviction, belief in the truth, veracity, reality or faithfulness (Zodhiates #4102.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Trust.

Faith is being persuaded by the spoken voice of God (Romans 10:17). Most, however, are persuaded by the opinions of men passed on from one generation to the next. But the only way to have genuine faith is to get it from the mouth of God Himself. *Then* you will be persuaded and truly believe the truth that others only pretend to know.

Word: (*Rhema*) That which is spoken, a statement, word. Particularly a word as uttered by a living voice (Zodhiates #4487.)

WORKING DEFINITION: A word spoken by a living voice.

God speaks. Though there are many voices that clamor for attention, only one voice leads mankind to salvation. And it is only through hearing His voice that we obtain the faith required to gain that deliverance (Romans 10:17, Ephesians 2:8).

Scriptures: Used in the plural in the New Testament for the Holy Scriptures. From the root word: to engrave, to write (Zodhiates #1124, #1125.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Holy writings, the Bible.

The Bible, inspired by God, was written down by men who followed His voice. The purpose of the Scriptures is found within its pages: to show us that our sin is utterly sinful (Romans 7:13), to point us to Jesus (John 5:39-40), and to teach, reprove, correct, and train (II Timothy 3:16). As was true in Jesus' day, most religious people today choose to use it as a rule book rather than a tool to hear God and find a real delivered life in Christ.

Word: (*Logos*) Intelligence, word as the expression of that intelligence, discourse, saying, thing. Word, both the act of speaking and the thing spoken. Word as uttered by a living voice, a speaking, speech, utterance. From the root word: to speak intelligently (Zodhiates #3056, #3004.)

WORKING DEFINITION: A word spoken by a living voice.

God spoke to Adam. God spoke to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God spoke to Moses and the prophets. God spoke to Peter, James, and John. When God came to this earth as Jesus, John called Him the Word/Logos because Jesus was the incarnate voice of God who speaks to all men. God will speak to you too, if you will have ears to hear.

Sin: Sin, missing the true end and scope of our lives, which is God. An offense in relation to God with emphasis on guilt. From the root word: to sin, miss a mark on the way, not to hit the mark. To err, swerve from the truth, go wrong (Zodhiates #266, #264.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Choosing to swerve from God.

Through Adam, sin gained dominion over mankind. Thus, from birth you have believed and acted according to your own selfish desires – and all this separated from God. The only way to be delivered from this wicked dominion is to be changed by the grace influence of God. God paid the penalty for sin on the cross, but it will be of no value to you unless you repent by taking your own cross and dying to the sin that controls you. Let go of your self and seize God.

CHAPTER 6

Evil: “And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from *evil*” (Matthew 6:13). Travail, toil, pain. It is labor which demands the whole strength of man (Zodhiates #4192.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Labor in the strength of man.

Jesus instructed us to pray for deliverance from our labor – from the strength we find in ourselves. We need to be set free from the efforts to be right in our own eyes, rescued from the excuses used to justify our undelivered sin, and saved from the need to boast in our strength rather than in our weakness. The chains of self-preservation and self-justification can be broken, but you cannot do it on your own – you need God. Ask Him to deliver you so you can know what it is to rely on Him rather than the strength of your own understanding.

CHAPTER 7

Calculate: “For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and *calculate* the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?” (Luke 14:29). To reckon, compute, calculate, figure out. From the root word: a small stone or pebble, a vote, suffrage, voice (Zodhiates #5585, #5586).

WORKING DEFINITION: Count, decide.

Cost is a paradox. Though you will never be able to work and earn a delivered relationship with God, the conditions required to know Him will cost you everything. Are you willing to surrender your heart, your mind, and your soul? Are you willing to relinquish your right to decide, your self-initiated actions, and your plans for the future? Are you willing to surrender your love for this world, your love for self, and your love for life? Your choices are your vote. And every time you cast your vote, God knows when you choose your own voice over His.

Factions: “I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. For there must also be *factions* among you, so that those who are approved may become evident” (I Corinthians 11:18-19). Heresy, a form of religious worship, discipline, or opinion (Zodhiates #139); A choice, a party, or disunion (Strong’s Greek #139.)

WORKING DEFINITION: A chosen side.

Everyone chooses a side. The majority of this world gives weight to the ideas and concepts of men. But there are a few who are willing to give weight to the voice of God alone. One person suppresses the truth, the other maintains it. And God sets apart the latter.

CHAPTER 8

Lucifer: The Morning Star (Strong's Hebrew #1966.)

After Lucifer fell, he was given the name Satan. In Greek, the name Satan means adversary (Zodhiates #4567) which is transliterated from the Hebrew word to attack, accuse (Strong's Hebrew #7854, #7853.) It is Satan's fallen nature to attack the truth and accuse any who would stand against his propaganda. He is crafty in his use of the spiritually blind to spread his unsubstantiated half-truths in order to deceive. If the world is Satan's backyard, then the false church is his playground.

Salvation: Safety, deliverance, preservation from danger or destruction (Zodhiates #4991.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Deliverance.

The salvation offered in the false church today is nothing more than a bad fire insurance policy that won't pay off in the end. Rather than finding the practical deliverance secured in taking the cross of Christ as their own, many settle for a religious charade that does not rescue them from the influence of selfish desire. Void of accountability, counterfeit believers find their security in the doctrine of a false, deficient gospel.

Saved: [Past tense of] To save, deliver, make whole, preserve safe from danger, loss, destruction (Zodhiates #4982.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Delivered.

To be saved is to be delivered. It is more than just being pardoned yet being left in bondage. When God truly saves a man, his chains are broken and left to rust on the floor. The sinful, self-centered control and manipulation of his life is then replaced by the guiding and instructing hand of God. Jesus, who was God in the flesh, did not die and rise again just to leave you half-saved, forced to excuse your sin away. You can be delivered. Ask Jesus to cleanse you from ALL of your sin and trust His voice completely. (In the NIV, I John 3:6 says, “No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him” and in the NASB Updated it reads, “no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.”)

Free gift: “The wages of sin is death, but the *free gift* of God is eternal life. . .” (Romans 6:23). *Charisma* (#5486), from the root word: grace, which is the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life (Strong’s Greek #5485), and the suffix *-ma*, indicating the result of grace (Zodhiates #5486.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Result of God’s changing influence.

Though God extends the offer of eternal life to everyone freely, it is not without required conditions. Here are some of the Scriptural conditions: changing grace (Ephesians 2:8), faith (Ephesians 2:8), hearing God (Romans 10:17, John 10:27), repent and prove that repentance by deeds (Acts 26:20, Matthew 3:8), cessation of sin (II Timothy 2:19, I John 3:6), life application of the cross (Matthew 10:38, Luke 9:23), and Jesus Himself said you must count the cost (Luke 14:28-33) and that you must love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:35). Therefore, the inaccurate translation of “free gift” is an unfortunate deception of the passage. Eternal life is the *result* of God’s changing influence.

Forgive: [Various words] To let loose, unbind (Zodhiates #630); to send forth or away, let go from oneself (Zodhiates #863); remission, the putting away of sin and deliverance from the power of sin (Zodhiates #859); to grant favor (Strong’s Greek

#5483), which is from the root word: grace, the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life (Strong's Greek #5485.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Remove.

To be forgiven is to actually have your sin removed. This doesn't mean you have never sinned before. Nor does it mean you will not sin again. But forgiveness is more than a cheap pardon that absolves you from guilt and accountability but then leaves your unrepentant tendency to sin intact. When God forgives, He changes you by removing the control and the pull of your flesh.

Power: "For the [spoken] word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the *power* of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). Power, especially achieving power (Zodhiates #1411.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Achieving power.

The power of God is His ability to achieve anything He so desires. Therefore, there is no sin, no habit, and no power over your life that cannot be broken by the achieving power of God. If you are willing to carry your cross (Luke 9:23) and to be buried through a baptism of death (Romans 6:4), God has the ability to raise you to a new, delivered life. Ephesians 3:20 says that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His [achieving] power that is at work within us" (NIV).

Fallen away: ". . . and then have *fallen away*, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance" (Hebrews 6:6). To fall aside or away, err, stray, lapse. Denoting a falling away, an abandonment . . . in every case signify[ing] deliberate acts of sin (Zodhiates #3895); to fall aside, to apostatize (Strong's Greek #3895.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Deliberate abandonment, apostasy.

The very fact that the word apostasy is in the Scriptures should remind true believers that "by standing firm you will gain life"

(Luke 21:19). Abandonment by apostasy is always an option for the truly delivered if they should choose to go back to a lifestyle of sin. If you are a believer, you should desire “to make your calling and election sure” (II Peter 1:10-11 NIV), to choose to continue (Colossians 1:23), remain (John 15:6 NIV), persevere (Hebrews 10:36 NIV), and be persistent (Roman 2:7 NIV) in order to avoid being entangled again (II Peter 2:20). When Ezekiel warned the religious of his day that a righteous man who turns away from his righteousness would be held accountable for his sin, they argued that “The way of the Lord is not right” (Ezekiel 18:24-25). God’s response back was the crux of the matter: “Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?” (25).

Snatch: “. . . no one will *snatch* them out of My hand” (John 10:28). To seize upon with force, to rob (Zodhiates #726).

WORKING DEFINITION: Rob by force.

Your relationship with God is a covenant between you and Him. Therefore, no outside force can pry open His hands and steal you away. No violent attempt by some nefarious principality is able to wrestle you out of His care. God is an attentive shepherd and ever capable to safeguard His sheep.

Abandon: “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will *abandon* the faith” (I Timothy 4:1 NIV). To withdraw, remove oneself, forsake, desert, retire, cease from something (Zodhiates #868); to remove, instigate a revolt, to desist, desert (Strong’s Greek #868.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Desert, cease the faith.

And what is it that I Timothy 4:1 says some will desert, revolt, withdraw, and cease from? From *the faith*. Not from a false faith, or some personal, half-hearted belief system labeled faith. Paul makes it very clear that the abandonment and desertion is away from THE faith – and there is only one (Ephesians 4:5). Now, a person is not labeled a deserter because he is the enemy camped

outside the gate of the kingdom. No, a person is labeled a deserter after he has sworn allegiance and served the King and then determines the cost is too great and thus abandons his post. Simply stated, you cannot cease what you are not doing in the first place. You can choose to remove yourself from a relationship with God.

Irrevocable: “. . . for the gifts and calling of God are *irrevocable*” (Romans 11:29). Without repentance. From two words: *-a* without and to change one’s mind, to regret (Zodhiates #278, #3338.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Without regret.

God does not regret the mercy He has shown the world. He does not regret dying on the cross to pay for our sin. And He in no way regrets extending grace to mankind to instruct them how to choose His influence over the influence of sin and self.

CHAPTER 9

Peter: “. . . you are *Peter* . . .” (Matthew 16:18). A piece of rock (Strong’s #4074); a stone, a piece or fragment of a rock such as a man might throw (Zodhiates #4074.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Movable stone.

Rock: “. . . and upon this *rock* I will build My church” (Matthew 16:18). A mass of rock (Strong’s Greek #4073); a projecting rock or cliff (Zodhiates #4073.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Big rock, immovable bedrock.

Jesus is the rock of our salvation – there is no questioning that. But the concept Jesus is teaching His disciples in Matthew 16 is that He will build His church on the revelation of who He is. God reveals Himself. This revelation is paramount not only for deliverance from daily sin, but also for developing a genuine relationship with Jesus.

Go: “*Go* therefore and make disciples of all the nations . . .” (Matthew 28:19). To transport oneself (Zodhiates #4198); to traverse, i.e. travel (Strong’s Greek #4198.)

WORKING DEFINITION: As you are going.

Jesus never commanded his followers to go. He commanded them to make disciples. When the Greek is parsed correctly, His point was for them to make disciples *as they traveled*. This verse was never intended to be taken legalistically as a call to foreign soil. God intended for his followers to become disciplined by hearing where He says to go – and then to teach others how to be disciplined by God when they get there.

Make disciples: “. . . *make disciples* of all nations . . .” (Matthew 28:19). To make a disciple, to instruct with the purpose of making a disciple (Zodhiates #3100); to disciple (Strong’s Greek #3100.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Make disciples

A disciple is a person disciplined by God. This is far more than just going through the motions in a Sunday school every week. A person disciplined by God hears, trusts, and obeys the Father with all his heart. To instruct another person in true discipleship can be both difficult and time consuming. The fruit, however, is worth it.

(*No definitions in Chapter 10)

CHAPTER 11

Hesitate: “How long will you *hesitate* between two opinions?” (I Kings 18:21). To hop, to skip over, to hesitate, to limp, to dance (Strong’s Hebrew #6452.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Hesitate, dance.

If you hesitate between two opinions, don't sugarcoat it as some form of 'spiritual caution.' Either follow God or don't. There is no half-way Christianity, no matter what the religious say. And refusing to choose God by limping about won't garner you any sympathy.

Intended: "Therefore, I was not vacillating when I *intended* to do this, was I?" (II Corinthians 1:17). To resolve in council, to decree (Zodhiates #1011); to advise, deliberate, resolve (Strong's Greek #1011.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Resolved.

Be settled, be resolved. Find God's will and stand firmly on it. There should be no shifting of weight onto something else – something less stable or more comfortable. Have the kind of relationship with Christ that is willing to stand firm where He tells you regardless of the consequences.

Tossed: "But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and *tossed* by the wind" (James 1:6). To stir up a fire by fanning it, to move to and fro, to toss, agitate as waves (Zodhiates #4494); to breeze up, to agitate (Strong's Greek #4494.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Agitate

The follower of God should be like a rock onto which the waves crash. Unflinching. Immovable. Resolute. This will only happen when you trust. Otherwise, you will be agitated by the things of God, with no hope of remedy to calm your soul. Trust God or be tossed.

CHAPTER 12

Perfect: "Therefore you are to be *perfect*, as your heavenly Father is *perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). Finished, that which has reached its end, term, limit; hence, complete, full, wanting in nothing (Zodhiates #5046.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Complete.

Most ‘spiritual’ leaders not only refuse to instruct how to become complete, but actually teach it away by excuse and blather. “I’m not perfect, just forgiven” isn’t going to justify you before a holy God on that day. God is more than able to train you up completely. Have the heart that desires to change deeper each day, and you will become mature lacking in nothing.

APPENDIX

Confidence: “. . . draw near with *confidence* to the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16). Freedom or frankness in speaking; freedom in speaking all that one thinks or pleases (Zodhiates #3954.)

WORKING DEFINITION: Speak honestly.

God sees all, so talk honestly with Him. If you are hindered in speaking freely before God – ask Him to help you change. This is the only way you will ever come into complete agreement with God. It is His desire to transform you, so have the courage to speak up honestly, holding nothing back from Him.