

Common usage, some history and unfolding the multifaceted meaning.

What is the word of God? What have we been taught the word of God is, the Scripture, a prophetic utterance?

Rule of first mention:

Just after the battle of the kings and Abraham's 318

Genesis 15:1-4 (Hebrew daw-baw: speech, saying, or utterance)

The word of the Lord is more of a visual depiction. This is the time of Abraham, there are no Bibles, or even a completed old testament. Something to establish: **The word of the Lord can come in a vision, something both heard and seen.**

Psalms 119:8-11 (daw-baw)

We should keep our way according to the word of the Lord

Something to establish: **We keep the word (or treasure it) in our hearts.**

Never returns void

Isaiah 55:10-13 (daw-baw)

The word is like rain. It falls on the earth and it waters, it causes growth, makes the earth produce and sprout, provides seed to the sower and bread to the eater. The word is sent with us. Something to establish: **The word will not return void, it provides seed and bread. The word always accomplishes its purpose.**

In the Beginning *AND* the word became flesh:

John 1:1-5, 14 (Greek Logos: a word uttered by a living voice, the sayings of God, decree, mandate, or order)

The word IS God, the word has been with God since the beginning. The word is a “him/he”
The word became flesh.

Note: A Greek philosopher named Heraclitus first used the term Logos around 600 B.C. to designate the divine reason or plan which coordinates a changing universe. *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (2nd ed)*: Heraclitus, 1999.

Commonly out of context:

Hebrews 4:12-16 (logos)

The word of God is a “living word”, and can judge the intentions of the heart.

Important note: We (humans) are not so good at judging the thoughts and intentions of the heart, first in ourselves, but especially in others. Let’s intentionally ask the “Word” to help us discern our own thoughts and heart.

13: And there is no creature hidden from HIS sight

Something to establish: **The word is living, can penetrate soul and spirit, can judge the intentions of the heart.**

Mark 4:3-25 (logos) The sower sows the Word (Parable is also in Luke and Matthew)

Of 100 seeds 1 to each quarter:

25 Road: Lost

25 Rocky: Lost

25 Thorns: Lost

25 Good: X30 (750), x60 (1500), x100 (2500)

Jesus made the point to tell the disciples that they have been “given the mystery of God”, but to those that are outside everything comes in parables. But did the disciples truly understand the parable? Jesus felt the need to explain the parable in detail.

14 The sower sows the Word. We are sowing Jesus.

Something to establish: **Not everyone who receives the word keeps it and lets it grow. The majority of the seed may fall short but the seed that does take root matures many times over.**

Revelation 19:11-13

Coming of Christ, named the Word of God.