

## “IN DEFENSE OF DETAILS”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Alt. title: “...my dark sayings.”

**It seems to me that it is the days of Malachi all over again.**

Men who preach in generalities are praised.

Those that teach or preach in detail, are often belittled or demonized. So common is the first class, no one considers the need for the second.

**Psalm 49:4**

I will incline mine ear to a **parable**:  
I will open **my dark saying** upon the harp.

Parables-Similitudes-Metonymies-Tropes-Metaphors and apothegms.

All of these are very instructive, whether long or short, they **focused on the details**.

**Prov. 1: 1-6**

**Vs. 6 To understand a proverb and the interpretation;  
the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.**

The Bible will preach this message for me, so I will try and stand out of the way.

“**Words of the wise...**”

**Eccl. 12:11**

The **words of the wise** are as goads, and as nails fastened by the  
masters of assembly, which are given to one shepherd.

“...**their dark saying...**”

**Ezk. 17:2**

Son of man, put forth a **riddle**, and speak a **parable** unto the house of Israel;

It is rendered a **riddle** in Ezekiel and it is the word **enigma** when translated into Greek. Enigma (αινιγματα): these are sayings that are calculated to sharpen the intellect.

**Note:**

How often would Paul say “**I would not have you ignorant, brethren...**”

It means a **whet**; a thing that stimulates the appetite. The sharpening of a blade.

“Something difficult to understand, yet amusing and when solved, very useful.” Gill

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In Ezekiel 17: this riddle is about judgement.

\* Zedekiah; the last king of Judah before its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon.

\* Its abominations were greater than Samaria and Sodom. **Ezk. 16:47**

Israel forgets God's grace in election!

Have you forgotten God's grace in yours?

God Forbid.