

## Does The N.T. Quote The Septuagint?

Below are all the places where Jesus said, *"it is written"*, where the words are not quite the same. I did not find any contradiction there. Jesus did say *"it is written"* and therefore He may be talking about three Bible verses at the same time.

The following is the way we explain these differences between Christ's quotes and what it says in the OT. By and large we believe God can expound His word wherever He likes. He knows more about what's behind it than we do. If the ideas behind His words are deeper than what's already there, why can't He take the authority to explain a verse or give insight to verses by saying *"it is written"*? Since some verses are connected to each other, though they are in different books, there should be no problem for a believer to except this idea. There are four Gospel accounts that look at Jesus in four different ways. They are not identical, so why should Jesus not also give us a different shade of insight behind His meanings of His words?

The verses in question with their explanation.

Matthew 4:10 *For it is written Thou shalt \* worship (3372) the Lord thy God, and him # only shalt thou serve.*

Deut 6:13 *Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and swear by his name.*

Deut 10:20 *Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and % to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.*

\* Jesus lets us know here that fear of God is the beginning of truly worshipping God. You might say what about 1 John perfect love casts out fear? We think this applies to the judgment but still in general we must fear God. Paul said knowing the fear of the lord we persuade men. Proverbs 1 also says *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding."* It is interesting that these first two quotes involve man making his promise trust worthy ones. We think that the first thing God wants to teach us here is before worshipping God [3rd entry] we need to perform the word *"that which is gone out of thy lips"* and not forswear ourselves because God performs his word, His name being, Rev 19:13 the word of God, a name mentioned 46 times.

Although the NASV changes worship for serve in Deut 6:13. Worship never is used for 5647 (in Strong's Dictionary) in the KJV, but six times the NASV it is changed to worship.

# "only" is implied in *"serve Him"*

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Matthew 5:33 *it hath been said by them of old time thou shalt not forswear thyself but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:*

Leviticus 19:12 *ye shalt not swear by name falsely, \* neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.*

Deut 23:21-23 *that which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform .....according as thou hast vowed*

Numbers 30:2 *he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to #all that precedes out of his mouth.*

\* One of the things the Lord is pointing to here is that profaning the name of God

comes when we break our word, because we are to be like Him as witnesses to the world. Paul was alluding to this in Romans 2:23,24 where he says that *“through breaking the law dishonest thou God? for the name of God is blasphemed through you among the Gentiles through you.”*

# Oaths included

Matthew 11:10 *of whom it is written. Behold, I send my messenger \* before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

Mal 3:1 *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare thy way before me.*

\* The words *“before thy face”* is implied in the previous verse where *“the way”* has become full of briars and thorns. However *“the way”* is thought to be *“good in the sight of the Lord”* by treacherous men.

Matthew 12:7 *But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.*

Hos 6:6 For \* *I desired mercy, and not sacrifice and the knowledge of God more then burnt offering.*

\* This means that what God desires God will have, make no mistake about it, even a people who seek the knowledge of Him, and not an excuse for their sin.

In the NASV Matt 12:7 *“I will have”* is changed to *“I desired”*. The words *“not sacrifice”* is changed to *“not a sacrifice”* In Hos 6:6 *“desire”* is changed to *“delight”*.

Matthew 13:14,15 *Which sayeth, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*

Isaiah 6:9 *And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.* Isaiah 6:10 *Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.*

The difference between Jesus and Isaiah is that Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are in the state they are in because their wills are hardened against God. Therefore God has no choice but to harden them in their sins like Pharaoh who only cooperated when he was under the wrath of God. Like Chuck Smith says in his tape on Pharaoh in Romans 9:17. If we keep turning our ear from the truth God will at some point hold us responsible so that we cannot escape. Therefore when Isaiah says *“Make”* it must be understood that *“this people’s heart is waxed gross”* is part of that word *“Make”*.

Matthew 13:35 which was spoken by the prophet saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret \* from the foundation of the world.

Psalms 78:2-3 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

\* Although Jesus would teach hidden truths from the foundation of the world, they were actually first being brought to light to a generation who proved they would only neglect and abandoned them. The following verses found in Psalm 78 are also worth reading just for the truth therein. *“We will not hide them from their children, showing to the following generations to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, [this ties in*

with Matt 21:16] *and his wonderful works that he hath done. .... And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God. The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had showed them”*

Matthew | 15:8-9 *well did Esaias prophesy of you saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*

Mark 7:6-8 *He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines, the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.*

Isaiah 29:13 *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their \* fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

\* Here the Lord exchanges worship for fear a second time in an Old Testament verse. Our worship is vain if we suppose we can serve God not trembling before His word.

The NASV changes “fear” to “reverence”, it does not mean the same thing. These are some Bible verses that demonstrate Christian fear in the word “*tremble*”. Fear of God is a Godly attribute. Ezra 10:3 says “*tremble at the commandment*” Job 26:11 Isaiah 66:5 *Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*

Matthew 21:16 *And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*

Psalms 8:2 ... ordained strength?

\* If we bring up our children in the fear of God to praise Him they will be our strength putting to shame our enemies (Psalm 127:5) even as the Pharisees were put to shame before and after Christ’s crucifixion. Little unlearned children, unlike the Pharisees, did not need to work at perfection because they were already perfect in God’s sight. The Pharisees would need to follow their example if they would enter heaven.

The NASV changes “*perfected*” to “*prepared*” which means the same as ordained.

Note at this point this is the only verse that matches the LXX!!!

Luke 4:18-19 \* “*and recovering of sight to the blind, ... # to set at liberty them that are bruised*”

Isaiah 61:1 “*... and the opening of the prison ... to them that are bound*”

\* This means that we are in prison if we are blind to the power of God’s word.

# Satan has taken us captive to bruise us, when he has blinded us to the authority and power of the word of God.

**Luke 20:43 [for thy feet NASB only]**  
**Psalms 110:1 omit**