



Pt. 1 The Problem

Barrier #1 _____

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*
—Isaiah 55:6-7 (NRSV)

*“So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s
except the Spirit of God.”*
—1 Corinthians 2:11 (NRSV)

*“I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the
third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God
knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the
body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard
things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On be-
half of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, ex-
cept of my weaknesses.”*
—2 Corinthians 12:2-5 (NRSV)

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*“But they did not understand what he was saying
and were afraid to ask him.”*
—Mark 9:32 (NRSV)

Barrier #2 _____

*“Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the **Hebrew**...”*
—Genesis 14:13 (NRSV)

ואז בא אחד שנמלט וסיפר לאברם העברי, שגר ליד האלונים של מאמרה האמורי, אחיו
של אשכול ושל ענר; אלה היו בעלי בריתו של

*“Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus
was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and
in **Greek**.”*
—John 19:20 (NSV)

Barrier #3 _____

*“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”*
—Matthew 15:8-9 (NRSV)

*“Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read,
a veil lies over their minds.”*
—2 Corinthians 3:15 (NRSV)

Problem Solved

“but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.”
—2 Corinthians 3:16 (NRSV)

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth”
—John 16:13 (NRSV)

“Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,”
—Luke 24:45 (NRSV)

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