

**Let My Teaching Drop As The Rain**  
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In various places throughout the Holy Bible, we have grown accustomed to the idea of the Lord Jesus Christ as the teacher. The Holy Bible explained that His teachings were by parables (Mark 4:2) that astonished the multitudes (Mathew 22:33) bringing a *“new doctrine”* (Mark 1:27) *“as one having authority”* (Mark 1:22), thus the reason why the scribes and the chief priests sought to destroy Him (Mark 11:18). The Lord Jesus Christ personally described His teachings as *“not Mine, but His who sent Me”* (John 7:16). As for John the Beloved, concerning these teachings, he explained that *“He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son”* (2 John 1:9).

But, did the Holy Bible enumerate only the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ? Absolutely not! Many places also mentioned the Holy Spirit’s work of teaching: *“You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them”* (Nehemiah 9:20); *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things”* (John 14:26); *“Not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual”* (1 Corinthians 2:13); *“You do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie”* (1 John 2:27).

Notice that in describing the teaching of the Holy Spirit, the phrase *“all things”* repeats. *“All things”* reveals that this teaching is absolute concerning all matters. This is very clear in the words of Solomon the Sage:

*For it is he who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists, to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements; the beginning and end and middle of times, the alternations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons, the cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars, the natures of animals and the tempers of wild beasts, the powers of spirits and the reasonings of men, the varieties of plants and the virtues of roots; I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. For in her there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy (Wisdom 7:17-22 RSV).*

Therefore, world discoveries, a doctor’s genius, a craftsman’s mastery, a writer’s eloquence, an artist’s creativity, a commander’s expertise, an administrator’s sagacity, an advisor’s brilliance, a guide’s insightfulness, and all world cultural refinement are all nothing but inspiration and afflatus by the Holy Spirit Who said: *“Let my teaching drop as the rain”* (Deuteronomy 32:2).

If this is the case, then, is there room for people to boast or glory? Certainly not! As the Holy Bible says: *“He who glories, let him glory in the Lord”* (2 Corinthians 10:17).

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