

## FIGURES OF SPEECH

Figure of Speech	Description	Example
<b>Simile/Metaphor</b>	A comparison in which one thing explicitly (by using like or as) resembles another	Psalm 1: "He is like a tree planted by streams of water"  John 2:19, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
<b>Irony/Sarcasm</b>	When The speaker say the opposite of what he intends to convey. Often a kind of ridicule expressed indirectly in the form of a compliment.	Elijah's taunting the prophets of Baal, "Shout louder! . . . Surely he is a god!" (1 Kings 18:27)  1 Corinthians 4:8, "You have become kings"
<b>Metonymy</b>	A metonymy is the substituting of one word for another.	"Let's attack him with our tongues" (Jer. 18: 18)  "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21)
<b>Hyperbole</b>	A deliberate exaggeration, in which more is said than is literally meant, in order to add emphasis.	"The cities are large and fortified to heaven" (Deut. 1:28)
<b>Personification</b>	the ascribing of human characteristics or actions to inanimate objects or ideas or to animals	Isaiah 55:12 refers to mountains and hills singing and to trees clapping their hands.  Death is personified in Romans 6:9 and 1 Corinthians 15:55.
<b>Apostrophe</b>	This is a direct address to an object as if it were a person, or to an absent or imaginary person as if he were present	"Why was it, O sea, that you fled?" (Ps. 114:5)  Micah 1:2: "Listen, O earth, and all who are in it."
<b>Synecdoche</b>	the substituting of a part of something for the whole or the whole for the part	Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of "all the world" (Luke 2: 1)  Proverbs 1:16, "their feet rush into sin,"
<b>Anthropomorphism</b>	Ascribes human characteristics or actions to God,	God's fingers (Ps. 8:3), ear (31:2) and eyes (2 Chron. 16:9).
<b>Zoopomorphism</b>	Ascribes animal characteristics to God	God "will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge" (Ps. 91:4).
<b>Anthropopathism</b>	Ascribes human emotions to God,	Zechariah 8:1, "I am very jealous for Zion.