

1. forge, smithy -- (a workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering)
2. invent, contrive, devise, excogitate, formulate, forge -- (come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) **after a mental effort**;

Jeremiah 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

My father was a coal miner. His father was a coal miner. We lived across the Ohio River from Wheeling, West Virginia in Bridgeport, Ohio. Back then the Miners carried their own tools into the coal mine. The point of the coal pick would need sharpened. In our back yard we had a forge. It was a metal bowl with a hand turned fan to make the coal burn hotter. Dad would place the point of the pick in the fire and I would hand turn the fan on the forge. When the metal got white hot Dad would take it out and hammer it on an anvil to the shape he wanted. The white hot metal was soft and workable. He would then dip the hot point into a bucket of cold water sitting nearby. That would harden the iron quickly and allow him to chip at the coal a long time with a sharp pointed pick.

We are like that sharp pointed pick. We are forged by the Word of God until we are hardened, unmovable, always abounding in the work of God. We can mine the Word without tiring because we have a sharp pick, forged in the heat of battle.

I have been forged by correct interpretation. I am a living translation of the original Greek Bible. I do not need to know the Greek language to do that. **God speaks in pictures**. God's pictures are the same in all languages. When I see the picture I **translate the picture** into the English language by living it. That's how the Greeks did it. That's how we all do it. The Cross is a **picture** for the whole world to see regardless of the language spoken. You are confused only because you don't get the correct picture.

Can you see this? Luke 24:45-48 is a Picture for the whole world to see.

- 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name **among all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Can you see this? Acts 2:1-4 is a Picture for the whole world to see.

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Can you see this? Acts 2:37-39 is a picture for the whole world to see.

- 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**
38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

A lot of people have a dull Pick. Their mind bounces off God's Word and they do not get the picture. They have not been forged by the heat and the hammer to have a sharp mind to meditate day and night.