

Things That Are Alike

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Isaiah 66:1-16

The Biblical writers give you a number of terms that flag similarities. The two most common words to look for are *as* and *like*. They indicate a figure of speech called a simile, which is a word picture that draws a comparison between two things. A device related to the simile is the metaphor, where a comparison is made without using *as* or *like*.

By using things that can be described, we are drawn into a closer understanding of what God is like. This passage is somewhat challenging. God's message contains much that is unpleasant, because His people had become unfaithful. Yet beneath the severe tone is always an affirmation that, indeed, God loves His people. The better we come you see God's anger directed at sin, the more we can comprehend His love for the sinner.

First read **Isaiah 66:1-16** as if you were an English student. As you go through it, list all the metaphors and similes you can find. When you finish, read the same passage again, this time as a Bible student. Use your list of metaphors and similes to think about what each comparison tells you about God. I've completed the first one for you.

Similes/Metaphors

Heaven is My throne (v 1)

What the Comparison Means

The magnitude of God's authority is unlimited