

## THE VITAL ROLE OF PRAYING IN TONGUES IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

*1When **the Day of Pentecost** (gr. Penticosti) had fully come, they were all with **one accord** in **one place**. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with **other tongues** (gr. Glossa, glossary=language), as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

### 1. **Speaking in tongues IS A LANGUAGE.** (not gibberish)

Acts 2:5-6 (NKJV)

*5And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone **heard** them speak in **his own language**. (gr. Dialectos)*

Three Myths About Speaking in Tongues:

#### a) You start speaking in tongues fluently the first day!

- V6 – Speak vs. Heard
- Interesting fact: first thing ->take control of the tongue
- Ex: second language, babies, Father likes it.

#### b) You can't control it!

- No trance, ex: gifts of teaching, prophecy,
- It is an act of will, it is cooperating with the HS.

#### c) It's just going to jump out of you one day!

- "If God wants to give me this gift, it will hit me one day"
- The HS is the gift of gifts. Ex: 50 euro jumping out of your pocket
- Speaking in tongues – new creation birth right vs. gift of tongues with interpretation
- Convince God, reach spiritual height. It is not a reward based on holiness.

## 2. Speaking in tongues IS A LANGUAGE OF THE SPIRIT.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV)

2For **he who speaks in a tongue** does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, **in the spirit** he speaks mysteries.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV)

14For **if I pray** in a tongue, **my spirit prays**, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15What is the conclusion then? I will pray **with the spirit**, and I will **also** pray with the understanding. I will sing **with the spirit**, and I will **also** sing with the understanding.

- IF I PRAY – presupposes a choice on your part.
- When pray, YOUR SPIRIT prays, you don't understand it with your mind.
- V15 refers to praying in tongues. Notice the priorities: ALSO
- Speaking in tongues is not marginal or filler, it's the main thing
- Ex: Paul, anything significant, pray more than all, 3 thirds of NT.
- Btw, if you don't speak in tongues, it doesn't mean you are not baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit or that you are not saved. But you will not benefit from it. Ex: Paul didn't speak in tongues when he was baptized.
- How many people? Prayers unfulfilled. Is it possible? Our own limited understanding vs Spirit's understanding. Soulsh prayer.
- Ex: when I started speaking in tongues, in faith.
  - Some teach that speaking in tongues is not demonic. Ex: bread, fish, serpent. Father gives good gifts.
  - Speaking in tongues and feeling, feel anything when praying with understanding, or tithing OR just faith? Samson when the power left.
  - Everything in Christian life: God gave, we take by faith (gr. Lambano).
  - You start speaking whatever syllables come to your mind, believing that what you speak is the HS speaking through you.
- Praying in tongues is part of the armor of God, the offensive weapons.

Ephesians 6:17-18 (NKJV)

17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18**praying always** with all prayer and supplication **in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Jude 1:20 (NKJV)

*20But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit,***

- Is it possible that you're losing some battles because you're not building yourself up spiritually OR because you're not putting on yourself the whole armor of God OR because you're not allowing the HS to pray, but you pray only with your soul?

### 3. **Speaking in tongues IS A PURE LANGUAGE**

Genesis 11:1 (NKJV)

*1Now the whole earth had **one language** and **one speech.***

- ONE Language? Hebrew (Abraham, Jewish nation), English, is it possible Heavenly?
- Ex: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jewish nation.

Genesis 11:5-7 (NKJV)

*5But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; **now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.** 7Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."*

- Obvious question: Why didn't God let them? They could have done it. With that language all things were possible.
- Is it possible that if you will use this language, then what you pray for, nothing will be withheld from you? Now, listen why: because you're not praying soulful selfish prayers, but spiritual prayers. And nothing that you propose will be withheld from you.

Zephaniah 3:9 (NKJV)

*9"For then **I will restore** to the peoples **a pure language,**  
That they all may call on the name of the Lord,  
To serve Him with **one accord.***

- This is talking about when Jesus and the Holy Spirit would come.
- Where did we start? ONE ACCORD.
- Notice the word RESTORE (give back) vs. GIVE, CREATE, to all nations and dialects, and NOTHING they propose to do will be withheld from them.
- This language is a PURE language. Every language on earth contains words of profanity or cursing. There is only one language that is PURE with no profanity.

Other benefits: rest, peace, prophesying, leading of the Spirit, insights, wisdom.