Greater Works Through Tongues

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GREATER WORKS THROUGH TONGUES

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Prayer

Let us open our mouth and thank God for tonight, He is worth. Be thou exalted, Father we thank You, You alone deserves our Praise and Worship, be lifted high, higher than every other things, We bless Your Name. in Jesus mighty name we have prayed AMEN, LORD, We thank You, thank You For life, for everything, be thou glorified, tonight Lord, we have come again to learn at your feet, let no man speak Lord, but You. Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear and open our hearts to understand and give us Grace to walk in the light of whatever You will reveal to us this evening. Thank You Father because we know that You always want to commune with us the Truth of You, Thank You and Thank You. In Jesus Name we have prayed. (Amen)

Study

Quickly this evening, we'll look at a crucial and extremely vital thing in the Kingdom, needed for our Christian living. Whichever we look at it, we can never do without it, Jesus couldn't do without it, therefore we can't , It is needed both for our **spiritual living** and our **'physical living**', The treasures of this extremely vital thing are inexhaustive.

Jesus, speaking in **John 14:12** Greater works you than I have done, you will do.

But if we must do these greater works, beginning from believing in The Lord Jesus through accepting Him to having access to this vital thing we'll be discussing tonight. Tonight, we'll look at manifesting greater works from the aspect of Tongues.

Whether we call it Speaking in tongues, or Praying in the Holy Ghost, or Praying in the Spirit, or Praying in Tongues, we are all saying the same thing. **TONGUES** is an extremely very vital thing that would help us in doing exploits in the Kingdom. No wonder Jesus told the disciples to first wait for the baptism of The Holy Ghost, which was evidenced by the Tongues they spake. Yes, the tongue they spake at the first instance of the coming of The Holy Ghost was for a sign to those around. So they were speaking different earthly languages. But Tongues are beyond just earthly languages, Paul said in **1Corinthians 13:1** that there are tongues of men and tongues of angels.

Now, our text may not necessarily be centred on Tongues, but we'll X-ray and find few great things about Tongues that we need to know or know again.

1 Corinthians 14, like I said, the chapter is not necessarily about Tongues, but there are some truths about Tongues revealed in there that we need to pick up, so let's go together and see few Truths about Tongues scattered in this chapter as The Holy Spirit would reveal to us.

he that speaks in an unknown TONGUE,

1**. SPEAKS UNTO GOD (not man)**

When we pray in the Spirit, we speak DIRECTLY to God, Understand that when that verse says, "doesn't speak to man", it includes you who gets the utterance, because you are man. The Spirit gives you utterance, meaning he enables you to do the speaking, but NOT that you understand what you're saying. Yes, He can also help you understand, IF He gives you interpretation, but first, it says, you speak directly to God. And if you speak directly to God, it has to be that you can NEVER pray AMISS. One of the ways NOT to pray amiss when seeking direction concerning a matter, is to pray in Tongues. **Vs 2** also says you speaking mysteries.

And mysteries are secrets, when you pray in Tongues, you are speaking secret things to God. No wonder the devil is mad when you pray in Tongues, and even your flesh also fights you when you're praying in Tongues, things like, “you don't know what you're saying”, “calm down”, and other statements suggesting that you should stop praying in Tongues and pray what you can understand, all these will be running through your head. Have you not noticed? But Brethren, that is

the best form of prayer and the best time to intensify speaking to God, your flesh wants to have a feel of what you're praying, so also the devil, so he tries to make you stop, but you don't have to, we speak directly to God, and we speak secret things when we pray in Tongues. **vs 4 -**

2. **He that speaks in TONGUES, EDIFIES HIMSELF: To edify means to build,** When we speak in Tongues, we build ourselves, we build our spirit man and also our natural man.

JUDE verse 20 building up yourself in your MOST HOLY Faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

Now if you look carefully in that **Jude 20,** it says, **your Most Holy Faith**

It's there in the Bible, I didn't write the Bible, you can check it in your own Bible to be sure, It says, **MOST HOLY FAITH,** What does this imply? **The highest Faith you can attain is found when you Speak in Tongues.** Now, why is it the most holy Faith? Because you are speaking directly to God, God is Most Holy, He is the Author and Finisher of Faith, so speaking directly to God builds us up in the Most Holy Faith. In God's Kingdom, there is the Principle of the Kingdom, and the Power of the Kingdom. Yes, there is the principle to living Holy in this life, but the Power to Holy living is what we are talking about now; **Praying in Tongues**, because it builds you up in the Most Holy Faith, **vs 14 if** I pray in TONGUES, MY SPIRIT PRAYS, but my mind is unfruitful

Unfruitful here means inability to understand; not knowing what's going on, So when we pray in Tongues, we switch the prayer from the realm of understanding to the realm of inability for our minds to understand, Nobody prays in Tongues and understands what he is praying, EXCEPT The Holy Ghost grants him interpretation, if not, the mind is lost. Now, let's get critical about it, If the mind doesn't understand, it means that the mind is lost, If the mind is lost, then it goes to imply that the mind is kind of **'confused'** Brethren, **when a situation looks confusing, the best way to attack it is to pray in Tongues, You d****on't understand what's going on in your life, give yourself to praying in Tongues daily,** Since your mind is at loss on what's happening in your life, then STOP praying in a language that the mind will understand, **PRAY IN TONGUES**

Let your spirit pray directly to God who sees and knows all things, Commune with Him directly, and let things be settled for you.

3. **Nothing continues hidden when we pray in Tongues:** It is the best way to open up secrets that are hidden, Remember the scripture says that The Spirit searches the deep things of God **(1Corinthians 2:10).** Get into the secrets of God and see what's happening through praying in Tongues. **vs21,** it says with men of other tongues and lips will I speak to this people, this verse was fully manifested in **Isaiah**, so let's see the Isaiah version of it; **Isaiah 28:11-12** With stammering lips and another tongue,He will speak to this people; Then vs **12 says**, This is the rest and this is the refreshing

4. Praying in TONGUES, BRINGS REST AND REFRESHING: Have you not noticed again, for some of us, that when you pray in Tongues, you feel refreshe, actually, you don't just feel refreshed, you are actually refreshed and at rest, You may not feel/see the situation immediately attended to, but deep down you have rest that things are now working out, because you just finished speaking directly to God, **UNHINDERED,** We need to always be refreshed , we need to have rest in every situation. The best way to it is to PRAY **IN TONGUES. Deuteronomy 28:49-50** The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as SWIFT as the eagle flieth; a nation WHOSE TONGUE THOU SHALT NOT UNDERSTAND; A nation of FIERCE COUNTENANCE. What the Holy Spirit inspired my heart here about Praying in Tongues is that;

5. Praying in Tongues gives us a FIERCE COUNTENANCE in the realm of the spirit: A countenance that evil and it's demons cannot face. We don't have a normal look in the spirit realm, and sometimes, it even translates to the physical realm. Another thing from that scripture is that our lives will be as swift as the flying of the eagle, If you want to understand this swiftness, you can go make a quick study on the eagle. But to be swift, has something to do with fast, rapid. So, we have rapid responses to situations when they arise, because we are men who live in the spirit realm through Tongues. All these and more do we have access to, when we pray in Tongues. Before we can pray in Tongues, we first need to be baptised, like the disciples on the day of Pentecost, If we don't receive the baptism, we wouldn't enjoy the benefits of it, I'll like us, as many as are yet to experience this refreshing and outpouring of The Holy Spirit, to personally crave for it, With

all these that we have access to, we wouldn't afford to just live in this life anyhow or just live like that, **We need a baptism of the Holy Ghost.** Crave it and when it comes, thank God for it and make judicious use of it and for us who are already baptised, let's go ahead and pray in Tongues continually. Paul said, I will pray with the spirit, and pray with the understanding also. Go ahead and pray in Tongues consistently. Many secrets are waiting to be revealed to us. Let's engage in the spirit. That is why I said, Jesus couldn't do without it when He walked on Earth and thus, we can't avoid it too.

Is speaking in Tongues a must? Probably, probably not, But if you want to really enjoy a health, robust, victorious and a life open to mysteries of God, then it is a must for you. **LET US PRAY**

Father, thank You for tonight, by Your Grace, you've spoken to us and shown us again things that pertains to Godliness, Thank You, We ask for Grace to engage as You would love us to In Jesus Name we have prayed (AMEN) Thank you everyone, we will all live victorious Christian lives by the help of God, God bless us all(Amen)

QUESTIONS

1. **How can someone pray in tongues if he doesn't speak in tongues?**

Someone CANNOT pray in tongues IF he DOESN'T speak in tongues, I mentioned it towards the ending of the message that **those who don't speak in tongues NEED to be baptised in The Holy Ghost**, just like the disciples on the day of Pentecost, The outpouring of The Holy Ghost is what enables one to pray in Tongues. **ACTS 2:4** And they were all filled with The Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. So they were filled with The Holy Spirit and then on the strength of that filling, they spoke in tongues. There are other two places the Bible also stated that people spoke in tongues when they received the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. **ACTS 19:6, ACTS 10:44-46** So, someone CANNOT pray in tongues if he is NOT baptised in The Holy Ghost, Speaking in tongues is the BIBLICAL evidence of the baptism of The Holy Spirit

2.Can someone teach another person how to pray in tongues?

NO, Just like you said, it is NOT anywhere in The Bible that people were taught

how to pray in tongues, If I teach you how to pray in tongues, then it means that I'm teaching you a language, and the only one you'll know is the one I taught you. That also implies that someone else has taught me, and if that is the case, then I do NOT have the real experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but it's NEVER done, The Holy Spirit in you at the time of the infilling gives you a unique tongue and that's why all praying in tongues are different, If we all come together and begin to pray in The Holy Ghost, you'll notice that we all have different tongues, that's how The Holy Ghost has enabled each person to speak. **ACTS 10:44-46** While Peter was still speaking these words, The Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of The Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For THEY HEARD THEM speaking in tongues and praising God.

So Peter was preaching (about Jesus), and The Holy Ghost came upon them and those who came with Peter were surprised when they heard them speak in tongues, **NOBODY TAUGHT ANYBODY anything, i**t is NOT Biblical to teach people how to speak in tongues. Everybody has to get the experience personally

3. **All these (ladies especially) who speak/pray in tongues but their outward appearance doesn't portray godliness, is it The Holy Spirit coming upon them?**

First I would say that the **Gift of God is without repentance.** The outpouring of The Holy Ghost is a GIFT from God, so He gives it, Aligning to the principles of God is entirely another thing, I think I've personally seen few (or just know about it), who manifest under the Power of God, yet live immoral lives and truly the manifestations are real. I believe that these set of people are whom the scripture calls **workers of iniquity** cause they manifested God's Power, yet their lives were not showing it, They hung on the Grace of the Gift of God given them. So, just like I mentioned, **there is the Principle of the Kingdom, AND the Power of the Kingdom.** You may be given the Power, cos it's a gift, but if you don't manifest the principles, you'll still NOT make it. The case of Judas is an example, I hope you believe that Judas was among those who came back and declared how demons were casted out by them, when Jesus sent them out, But we know how he ended up? he didn't follow the principles, so the Gift of The Holy Ghost in them can very REAL, but they are still attached to the cares of this world. **And surprisingly, the**

Gift won't go away, BECAUSE God's gift is without repentance (irrevocable, cannot be taken back)

4. **Can everyone who is baptised speak in tongues?**

The disciples were baptized (water baptism), when they were with Jesus. (I don't think that the Bible really mentioned that they were baptised in water, but we can infer it because some of John's disciples followed Jesus, and where among the other on the day of Pentecost, So, if John's disciples followed Jesus, they would have been baptised by their Master John, so it is inferred that the disciples - both of John and Jesus - were baptised in water). But though they were baptised in water, Jesus told them to wait for another baptism, which would be the baptism of The Holy Ghost, **You CANNOT speak in tongues IF You Are ONLY BAPTISED IN WATER BUT You CAN speak in tongues IF you are baptised in The Holy Ghost** And I've heard testimonies of people who got saved and The Holy Spirit came upon them immediately and they spoke in tongues, even without first being baptised in water, it mustn't be water baptism first, before Holy Ghost baptism, there is really no order to it.

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