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## Introduction

Why speak in tongues? Simply, because, God wants to speak to His Children without the Devil knowing what God is saying. God also wants His Children to speak to Him without the Devil knowing what His Children are saying.

God loves those who are His Children and does not want the Devil controlling what His Children are doing. It is interesting to know and understand what God is doing in these last days.

God does not do things the way the world does things. When we learn how God does things, then we will know what is of God and what is not of God?

Let me give an example of how God does things? Many years ago, a brother in the LORD told of how he got started into the full-time ministry. At about the age of thirty, he and his wife made a decision, he had to answer the call of God in his life. He quit his job and partitioned off a small room in a building they had rented to hold church services. That small room he used as his “prayer closet.”

Every day he spent at least eight hours “praying in the Spirit.” He said, if he could work eight hours a day for the world, he could spend eight hours a day working for the LORD, “praying in the Spirit.”

For months he was faithful to spend at least eight hours a day, “praying in the Spirit.” Everything you can imagine came against his mind. Everything you can think of concerning what he should be doing to provide for his family came at him. The thoughts in his mind were constantly coming against him as he was continuing to pray in the Spirit eight hours a day. He continued praying in the Spirit for many months.

Then one day, a woman whom he knew came and invited him to attend a meeting of her denomination. Now, her denomination didn’t believe in “speaking in tongues,” but it seemed to him, to be a chance for him to get out of the prayer closet for a short time. He decided he would go to the meetings.

While at the meeting, he sat in the back of the room. He had gotten to the meeting a little late, and did not notice the elderly woman sitting next to him came in using a crutch to walk with.

During the meeting, he looked over toward the elderly woman sitting next to him, and it was as though he had x-ray vision. He saw, as it was her hip socket. It had a dark substance around the ball joint, extending three or four inches down the leg.

As he saw this, he started to pray, “*Oh God, Oh God, what is this? Do You want me to pray for this woman? God, what in the world do You want me to do?*” God did not respond.

After a while he said to the woman, “*Ma’am, you have trouble with your hip!*” She turned and looked at him, and all of a sudden the word “*arthritis*” came out of his mouth. Then he said, “*It’s arthritis in your hip!*” She said, “*That’s what the doctor tells me, young man!*” Excited, he said, “*God wants to heal you. Ma’am, may I pray for you?*” The woman was thinking he must mean when he gets home, so she said to him, “*Yes, you may pray for me!*”

As soon as she said that, he leaped out of his chair, laid hands upon her and prayed. The LORD healed her instantly, and she leaped up shouting and praising the LORD for what God had done. The whole assembly got up in wonder. They had never seen a miracle and healing like that in their church.

Following that meeting, people were healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit with the

evidence of speaking in tongues. The LORD opened up this brother's full-time ministry that day. This Brother in the LORD has been flowing in "the gifts of the Spirit" ever since; healing and miracles happen wherever he goes.

Even today, with more than thirty-five years of being in the full time ministry, this Brother in the LORD continues to "pray in the Spirit" for many hours, every day. He knows that the anointing he needs to do the work of the ministry is dependent upon Him continually "praying in the Spirit," every day.

## Why Tongues?

There are many advantages to speaking in tongues. As Christians, we need to know the plan and purpose of God for our lives. We need to be taught by God, not by the world and certainly not by the Devil.

When we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, we also receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit at the same time. Once we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, God can teach us all things.

Jesus was quoting the Scriptures when He said in John 6:45, **"It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God..."** God has a way of teaching His Children. God teaches us by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."**

The desire for the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us should be the greatest desire in our lives. Why should Christians depend upon men to teach them, when God wants to teach us all things?

Any Christian, who wants God to teach them needs the anointing within them. This does not mean that God does not use Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers to teach within the churches.

A true Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher, will teach "from his spirit," under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, not "from his mind of the flesh." God operates in and through man from man's spirit. Whereas, the world operates through man from his mind.

It is "the anointing" within us that does the teaching. When we are taught by the anointing within us, the Devil is not able to stop us from learning the truth that can set us free of all the works of the Devil.

## God uses Tongues

Speaking in other tongues is not something new. It was ordained from the foundation of the world. God always knew there would be a gift of the Spirit in operation following the resurrection of the LORD.

The knowledge of God is revealed in the written Word of God. Everything God does in this

world was already declared as done before Adam was created. Of the nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, tongues and interpretation of tongues did not operate until after Jesus came into this world as “the Son of Man.” All throughout the Old Testament times, there is no indication that anyone spoke in other tongues. The first time we see “positive evidence” of people speaking in other tongues is in Acts 2:4, where it says, **“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**

Everything that happens on this earth was already established from the foundation of the world (which is before the creation of man in Genesis 2:7). This is God’s creation, not the Devil’s creation. God is in control of His creation at all times.

Everything that happens comes about by “the Word of God and the Spirit of God working together.” The Word of God goes forth first, then the Holy Spirit causes the Word of God to manifest (Isa. 55:11).

God had a plan for this earth long before Genesis 1:2, when **“...the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”** When we “Search the Scriptures,” and “Study the Scriptures,” we will find the truth that is revealed in the Scriptures.

Why tongues? When the Scriptures speak of tongues, they are speaking of languages, that are used to communicate. People speak in different languages all over the world. This was not that way in the beginning. Even after the flood of Noah’s time, everyone spoke the same language. In Genesis 11:1, it says, **“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”**

Satan is **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4). Satan wants to control everything that people do. For Satan to control what people do, he must blind the minds of those he uses, to get them to do what he wants them to do. Satan is a god, but he is also a created being. Created beings do not have power over God, who is the Creator of heaven and earth.

Satan works in the minds of people to get them to do what he wants them to do. Satan does not work directly with people. Satan has demons that carry out his operations here on earth. These demons work through other beings, by thoughts in the minds of whatever being they are using.

Notice something about Satan in Genesis, Chapter Three. Satan did not speak to Eve to get her to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan used a serpent to speak to Eve, to get her to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

In contrast to what Satan did, the LORD God Himself, spoke directly to Adam in Genesis, Chapter two. In Genesis 2:16,17, it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”**

The LORD God did not send a serpent to talk to Adam. The LORD God did the speaking, and He spoke to Adam Himself. This was always God’s plan from the foundation of the world. God always wanted a “one on one,” relationship and fellowship with man. God never planned for anyone to come between God and man, other than His Son, Jesus Christ. In 1 Timothy 2:5 it says, **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”**

When the LORD God created man in the beginning, He created man’s body of the dust of the earth. Then the LORD God breathed into the nostrils of man, the breath of life, and man became a living soul (Gen. 2:7). This was the beginning of the creation of man. It was by the breath of the LORD God that man became a living soul. Had it not been for the breath of the LORD God, man

would not have been created. Had it not been for the breath of the LORD God, man would not have become a living soul.

Once man was formed of the dust of the earth, by the breath of the LORD God, man also received “a spirit” within him. The Hebrew word for “spirit.” is “ruwach,” meaning “wind,” (by resemblance; breath).

In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** The LORD God put a spirit **“in man,”** so that God could help man understand God **“by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”**

Why did the LORD God put a spirit in man? Mainly, because the LORD God wants to have fellowship with man. The LORD God loves man, whom He created to be in His likeness and image.

God had a plan for man from the foundation of the world. God’s plan for man was to have “in heaven” multitudes of people, in the likeness and image of His Son, “Jesus Christ.” Knowing the works of the Devil, God created man and put a spirit in man, so He could have fellowship with man.

By God having a spirit in man, He could help man, without forcing man to do anything against man’s free will. God does not control people against their will.

The will of man is in man’s soul. The soul of man contains the mind, the reasoning, the intellect, etc. Every person born into this world has a living soul. Every person born into this world has a body of flesh and bones. Every person born into this world has “a spirit within them.”

In the world, the natural man communicates with others by means of speaking in a language they understand. This language is called “tongues,” or simply “tongue,” in the Scriptures.

Satan always wanted to be like God. When men continued to follow the ways of Satan, “who himself wanted to be like God,” God changed the language of people. In Genesis 11:4 it says, **“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”**

What man was doing at that time was not the plan of God for man in the beginning. God had a plan for man (to become like His Son, Jesus Christ). Jesus never tried to make a name for himself. Jesus always did the will of God the Father.

Look at what the descendants of Noah were doing at the time of Genesis 11:4. They said, **“...Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name...”** Now look at what Lucifer, now Satan the Devil, said in Isaiah 14:13,14. Speaking of Lucifer, it says, **“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”** Now, look at what God said to Lucifer in Isaiah 14:15, **“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”** God never intended for Lucifer to become like God. God never intended for Lucifer to do his own will.

Being that man was continually following the ways of Lucifer, the Devil, Genesis 11:5 says, **“And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded...And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do...Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”**

People communicate with each other by the language they speak. When they could no longer

communicate with each other, they scattered throughout the earth, each one speaking in a language that only they could understand. Yet, there was still a condition whereas people continually followed the ways of the Devil, and did not seek to follow God's plan for man.

Spoken words are a way of communicating with other beings. The Scriptures reveal to us that "words are spirit" (John 6:63). They are not spirits, like angels and demons. But they are operations of the spiritual realm. God speaks words, and they control what God says, according to what God said. What God says always comes to pass. In Genesis 1:3 it says, **"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."** What God spoke, happened. The words that God spoke were spirit, and they caused what God said to come to pass.

When we understand "words," and the speaking of "words," we will understand how everything happens in this world. Everything is controlled by "spoken words."

God knew from the beginning that everything was controlled by "speaking words." When the descendants of Noah, began speaking words in which everyone understood, they were able to control what everyone did.

Satan always knew that by the words that are spoken, things happening in the spiritual realm would cause things to happen in the natural realm. That is why Satan had the serpent speak to Eve in Genesis, Chapter three. Satan wanted Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So Satan had the serpent speak words to Eve. By the words the serpent spoke to Eve (in her mind, which is apart of her living soul), Satan was able to get Eve to consider the words spoken to her, so she would disobey the LORD God and eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Tongues, and languages are all about communication. When people understand each other by the language they speak, they can communicate with each other.

Satan has demons that understand every language spoken among people all over the world. If people speak English, there are demons in the spiritual realm that understand English, and can inject thoughts into the minds of those who speak English, by the words they speak.

But God had a plan from the foundation of the world, whereby Satan could not operate. God's plan was an "unknown language," that Satan does not know, and man does not know. God began to reveal this plan in Isaiah 28:9-11, where it says, **"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people."** Isaiah 28:9-13 is a prophetic word from the LORD. Isaiah was writing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. What is written came by the inspiration of God.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 it tells us, **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."** How did Isaiah receive this information? Isaiah received what He wrote the same way it tells us in Job 32:8. It says, **"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."**

In Isaiah 55:11 it says, **"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."** Once the Word of God was spoken from the mouth of God (from the mouth of someone who was speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit), it is established and it will come to pass.

Therefore, when it was written in Isaiah 28:11, **"For with stammering lips and another**

**tongue will he speak to this people,”** it would surely come to pass. This did come to pass in Acts 2:4, when the disciples of Jesus began to speak with “other tongues.” Speaking in other tongues is an operation of God. It is the Holy Spirit giving us the ability to speak in other tongues. The main reason for speaking in other tongues is so that God can be in control of what is said, or spoken.

There are two types of tongues used in the New Covenant. There is what is normally called **“speaking in tongues,”** which is normally a ministry gift. Ministry gifts are used for ministering to others. They are for the building up and edifying of the Church, (which is the body of Christ).

Sometimes those speaking, will speak in another language which they have not learned. This speaking is a supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit (using someone who does not know the language of the people they are speaking to), to speak to them in their own language, so they can understand what is said. The person may not know what they are saying, or they may know what they are saying, according to their understanding. In many of these cases, the person that does the speaking had never spoken in that language before. It was a supernatural ability given to them for that purpose.

Another ministry gift is speaking in a heavenly language that no one understands but God. When this happens, there needs to be an interpretation of what is said, so people can understand what God was saying. That is when a second gift of the Spirit must also be in operation, which is called “interpretation of tongues” (1 Cor. 12:10).

There is another operation of tongues that is for personal use. This is most often called **“praying in the Spirit.”** Praying in the Spirit, is praying to God in a language that no man understands. When Christians “pray in the Spirit,” they are praying to God, and only God needs to know what they are saying. We could say this is private a communication between God and the person doing the praying.

Praying in the Spirit can at times be called speaking in tongues, because the words are not spoken in the natural language of the person doing the speaking. Actually, the words are not spoken in any natural language. Only God knows what is said when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” No man knows what is said. Therefore, Satan and the spirits of this world do not know what is said.

Satan hates it when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” Satan knows all the languages of the world, but he does not know the language of Christians who are praying in the Spirit. There are many languages spoken in the world. There are many languages spoken in the heavens. There are **“tongues of men and tongues of angels”** (1 Cor. 13:1). People do not understand the **“tongues of angels.”** People do not normally speak in the tongues of angels. But, there is a language called “tongues,” which is when people operate in the gift of “praying in the Spirit.” When Christians pray in the spirit, they speak only to God, not to men, and not to angels.

This is the most important operation of tongues that any Christian can get involved in. Praying in the Spirit is God’s way of operating in the lives of those who are His Children. It is mainly used by those who are doing God’s will in their lives. It is a personal (one on one), type of communication between God and His Children here on earth.

God is the Father of all His children here on earth. God is Love. God the Father wants to work in the lives of His children here on earth to help them do His will.

God’s desire is that all of His children do His will. Just as Jesus Christ did only the will of God the Father, God wants all His children to be like Jesus.

Through prayer, we speak to God. We can speak to God in our natural language. But, when

we do that, Satan knows what we are saying. Satan tries to get Christians to pray in their natural language, so he can get them to speak words that will help him do what he wants to do.

When Christians pray, asking God to do their will of the flesh, they are actually praying contrary to the will of God. For we are told in the written Word, **“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...”** (Gal. 6:8).

Satan loves it when Christians sow to the flesh. That gives Satan a stronghold in their lives. When we sow to the flesh, we help Satan do his will in our lives.

When we “sow to the Spirit,” we will reap eternal life “which is the opposite of what Satan desires for us.” Satan hates it when Christians “sow to the Spirit.” Satan hates it when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” Satan cannot control what Christians say or speak, when they are “praying in the Spirit.”

## Doing the Will of God

God never intended for man to do his own will. God always wanted to be GOD in our lives. God’s plans for man go way beyond this world. God’s plans for man are far better than anything that man could think or imagine.

God only had one Son, whom we know as Jesus. God has a desire to have multitudes of Children in heaven with Him for all eternity. God is doing all He can to help, guide, comfort, lead, and teach us how to do His will.

Jesus always did the will of God the Father. That is the example of what God wants us to do. God wants us to be just like Jesus, “One spirit with God for all eternity.” Us in Christ, Christ in God, forever in eternity. Colossians 3:2,3 says, **“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth...For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”**

**“God is love”** (1 John 4:8). God loves man, whom He created to be in the likeness and image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore it tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:49, **“And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”**

The image of someone is the way you see someone. The way we see Jesus “today,” is by what we are told in the Scriptures concerning Jesus. To walk like Jesus walked, we must walk the way Jesus walked. To do the things Jesus did, we must also do them the same way Jesus did them.

Jesus made the following statements concerning Himself. In John 5:30, Jesus said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** The first thing Jesus always did, was to be certain that He was doing the will of God the Father.

In John 4:34, **“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”** In John 5:19, it says, **“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”** Jesus first made sure He was doing the will of God the Father, by seeing what the Father did. By what Jesus saw the Father do, He did the same.

In John 8:26, Jesus said, **“I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”** Jesus made sure that what He said, was what the Father wanted him to say.

When we see what Jesus did, we should know that, that is what we should also be doing. Jesus said in Luke 4:Lu 4:18,19, **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”** Then in John 17:18, Jesus said, **“As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.”**

As Christians, and Children of God, it is very important that we bear the image of Jesus Christ. To bear the image of Jesus, we must do things the way Jesus did things. We must not do our own will of the flesh, but rather do the will of God from our spirit.

The best way to know what God wants us to do, is to speak to God in tongues, and let God teach us all things. God will teach us Himself, if we will do things God’s way, and not man’s way.

Satan will always come against speaking in tongues. Satan does not want to see people doing the will of God. Satan wants to be in control of what people do here on earth.

If we desire to spend eternity with God in heaven, we cannot follow the example of Lucifer, now called Satan, the Devil. Lucifer wanted to do his own will. Lucifer wanted to have total control of everything he did. Lucifer did not want to trust in God, but rather trust in his own ability, according to his understanding.

God made it clear in the Scriptures that if we want to spend eternity in heaven we must, **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding...In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”** (Prov. 3:5,6).

It is our desire to see God manifest in your life by working in you and through you. We love the LORD our God. He is love, and He will manifest His love in the lives of those who love Him.

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