

WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR? SPEAKING IN TONGUES

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WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR? - Tape Three

Praise God! I want to get into what do tongues do? What things does the Bible say that tongues are good for? We were talking a little bit about tongues in terms of when someone else understands them. Jace gave the example when he was speaking in a tongue once and it happened to be in a Japanese dialect. A person sitting there understood him and was very much ministered to by the Lord.

This is not a guarantee that somebody in the audience will understand it. That would be according to God's grace but would that be a gift from heaven? It sure would be, but keep in mind the gift didn't belong to Jace; the gift was given to the person who understood it. In that situation that grace was for them. Now the gift of the Holy Spirit working in him was wonderful and that gift is Jace's right? He manifested it by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues. The fact that tongue was understood and brought great healing was a gift to the church , to that person.

So, do you see how the gifts are given to the church? Yet, you need to do something , but how God uses those is up to Him. It doesn't always come in a praise , or in an instruction, or whatnot. That is up to God. But, I do believe you can walk into a point in time, especially if you have the specific gift of kinds of tongues was translated, diversities of tongues , you can actually at times choose different tongues, I believe, as your spirit teaches you what they are for.

For instance one day I was praising the Lord with my understanding and I said, "Lord. I would sure like to have a praise language." What surprised me was how quickly I had it, because the next thing I was speaking in a praise language which I had never spoken in before. It was obviously a praise language because it just made things bubble up in me. I still had my "warrior" language that was designed for my spirit to show me what demon was present or what was out there that needed to be dealt with by the authority of Christ. Those are different kinds of tongues. We may walk in those and actually have that as part of our ministry or it could be a one time thing in terms of whether you have the one language and that's the one language you use predominately. Either way, don't underestimate it. What you have is what God wants you to use. I find he who is faithful in

the least is faithful in much. If you will use the one you have, generally God gives you more. That happens with ministries.

I know of a great man of God who for many years taught that a person can have one of the five-fold ministries and that's it. He was a prophet of God and over the years people began to prophesy over him that he was being raised up as an apostle. He at first discarded that as incorrect because it contradicted his doctrine. But, eventually it became very apparent that this was the Lord speaking so he took it back to the Lord and said, "Wow. These prophecies contradict my doctrine and I have been teaching this to thousands of people over the years , how does this fit?"

He said, "The Lord said, 'You have been faithful with what I have given you so I can trust you with more.'"

Now, personally I think it is obvious in the Bible that a person can have more than one gift , ministry , meaning one of the five-fold. Because look in Acts 13. It says that there were certain prophets and teachers gathered together and through the Holy Spirit called out Barnabas and Paul and sent them out as apostles. They were already prophets and/or teachers when they were there so when they got sent out did they lose what they had? No. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. I'm talking about the five-fold gifts, but it is a similar thing in terms of the empowerments of the spirit. When God gives us an empowerment, we walk in those things , we seek to excel and we utilize those empowerments as He wills but also as we press in.

You have to understand He wills some of these to be used anytime, for instance , you can walk in tongues and interpretation of prophecy at your will because that's His will that you be able to do that. But, He is watching to see if you submit it to Him. Can you speak in tongues in the middle of the court house during a press conference with a congressman? Sure. You can do that. If you think God is going to bless you with that , unless He called for it , probably not because it is probably going to bring confusion. It is not going to bring glory to His name. Now, if He told you to do that, and you were in a country where you don't speak the language and you knew the Spirit was telling you to speak and then you spoke a language that was understood , what would happen? Glory would come to the Father! Because each context would have to be submitted to the Father, but you now have the ability to speak in tongues at your will because that is His will that you operate in that way. We should will in our own private lives , in prayer time, etc. walk in that path.

Interesting thing about tongues , it surpasses your soul , it surpasses your mind. The only thing it needs permission from is just do it. Unlike prophecy, which comes from the spirit also, but it goes through a human filter and you can mess it up. Interpretation can also be messed up, especially if you let your mind come in there and overpower the spirit. With tongues you can't do that because your mind can't understand it anyway. Your mind is totally unfruitful or it can say to stop doing it, but it can't change the words. That is a sign and a symbol , a token given to us of our new bodies that are coming.

Paul said that we are going to be changed. Who shall deliver us from this vile, dead body? But, we are going to be changed one day and have a new body even like Christ Jesus. In that body we aren't going to be tempted anymore. In that body our mind isn't going to war with our spirit. In that body our flesh isn't going to war after the spirit. In that body when we make a decision according to God's will, it will be carried out instantly by our minds and our bodies, our soul will be walking perfectly walking in harmony with our spirit and the body will go right along , it is a spiritual body , you can walk through walls , you can look different , all the things Jesus' body could do and I'm sure there are many things that aren't recorded , we will be able to do. We won't have the temptations. We will have gone through the baptism of fire which will have burned off all the chaff. Praise the Lord!

Tongues is a symbol of that day to come. Because it bypasses our mind. It bypasses our body, even except it needs the body to be projected, but it is a symbol of that which is to come of a higher order of things when our mind and our body are not messing with the things of God. As we walk in that now it strengthens our spirit and it makes those other things easier. It makes it easier for us to walk in the power of God and for our spirit to take dominion over our minds , for instance when we prophesy. That's what tongues begins to do for us. It's one of those things that God gave us in order to give us an "up" on the people of the Old Testament. So a strength that can help us move into new areas which were only given to a few in the Old Testament. It is very powerful. Don't ever underestimate it. It should be a glory to you. When you speak in tongues and you think about your new body to come; you might be tempted , you might be frustrated , you might have just sinned and you ask the Lord for forgiveness and you speak in tongues and you realize there is a day coming when you will be leaving this old dead, vile body behind. You are going to have a new body like Christ Jesus'. Praise God.

When Adam sinned enmity came between man and God. There was a connection that was broken which only through the Holy Spirit could we receive it back. In the Old Testament they would receive it back and the Spirit would come upon them at times. Some of them had it upon them , like Moses , it was upon him for long periods of time. We now have the Spirit within and we have a connection that is there. We can at any point speak to our Father and He can speak to us. It is supposed to be a communication which is two-way. But, that communication line which was there originally was broken, severed, when man sinned.

At the Tower of Babel the nations of the world were together and they were trying to become like God. God said, "We need to confuse the language so they don't become like us and We need to stop this, otherwise if We let it go on we are going to enter another point when they can't be saved." So He put a stop to that and put confusion between the languages. People didn't understand each other anymore.

When Adam sinned there was a separation between man and God, but at the Tower of Babel there was a separation that came between men which to this day is still there. We still have a longing for God, but we also still have a longing for each other that can't be fulfilled except by the Spirit. Our longing for God can't be filled by the things of the

world that so many people try to fill it with. You know all the things you tried to do before you were saved , all the things that your friends are trying to do now that aren't saved. They are trying to fill that empty void. It can't be filled except by the Spirit.

That is the same thing with this void that was made at the Tower of Babel , we long for one another to be one again. It can't be filled except by the Spirit, also. I don't understand it all, but I know that tongues has a lot to do with joining and bringing back into unity again the peoples of the earth under the Lord Jesus Christ. It's been totally underestimated , I have been praying about it for years , I still don't understand it , but I know this much , it's big medicine. I know that much. If we'll do it, He will teach us more. We may see it first, and then He will show us what happened. But, we need to see it. Jesus said that He gave us the glory that we might be one as He is One. When we are one the world will know that the Lord was sent. I believe that these tongues have a lot to do with bringing us as members of the body but coming from different nations into one.

We need to walk out in belief without understanding , in obedience without understanding and just do it. Why? Because. I'm speaking like a father , just do it because. That's what God is saying. "Do it." "Why?" "Just because." You'll see why if you'll do it. We will begin to see that unity which we have never had which was lost at the Tower of Babel and we will see it and the glory of God will be shown forth through it. Praise the Lord!

I was in India speaking to a conference of about two thousand pastors and I was speaking on the five-fold gifts and I began to almost prophesy because it was coming from my spirit and my mind was saying, "What, what, what?" You know how that goes but you learn to take dominion over your mind. What I was saying was: "Have you ever had a situation , [I was talking to these men from various different languages , there are twenty-nine different languages in India and probably two hundred-fifty different dialects within those languages. Can you see maybe some opportunities for confusion? Could you see some opportunities for misunderstandings even in the church?]

This is what I said to them , "Have you ever been a part of a situation where one minister was talking to another minister and because of the difference in language or difference in dialect or one was speaking their language and the other one was speaking it as a second language and there came in a misunderstanding which divides the body of Christ and he found out it was a misunderstanding , the person said something incorrectly , they didn't mean it that way but the person got offended?"

They were all shaking their head, Yes. I said, "Well, what you are in need of is one language." This is about the time my mind went, "What? What are you saying?"

I wondered which language the Lord was pointing to because they have a national language, Hindi. But, actually more people speak English because of the British presence there for fifty years. Down South a lot of them don't even know Hindi. They can't read it or speak it , but they can speak English some. That even adds another language for more confusion.

So I am saying, "You need to speak one language here to get rid of this confusion. That language must be ... the language of love." You see, that has to be our language in the body of Christ, too. Even if we all speak English here, we still need to speak with the language of love. If we speak with the tongues of men and of angels it must be with the language of love. It has to be undergirded with the love of God. We will see one nation, under God. We will see, we may speak different languages , but with the language of love we will see what they had before Babel. I still haven't figured out how it was God did that , and how could He take somebody that spoke this language all their life and all of a sudden they speak a different one and that's the one they understand. How did He do that? I don't know.

The point is there is big medicine in these tongues and there is big medicine to becoming into the Body of Christ if we will walk into it and pray into it. He'll show us more of these great and wonderful things if we will walk in love.

What did tongues do for you? First Corinthians 14:4 and 5 says, He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, so I'm going to give you more examples , I've already shown you tongues of men and of angels , already that is pretty cool , if you can speak the languages of angels that is already a kind of a benefit, even though you may not see it in terms of our earthly minds as a benefit , it is a great benefit. Prophets of old would have loved to have spoken in languages of angels. That is a benefit. But here I am going to give you at least twelve more. One of that is you can edify yourself. Edify means to build up. You are built up when you speak in tongues. How many Christians are beat down and over look what the Bible says can be used to edify and build them up? We pray, "Oh, Lord, I'm so beat down..." and He's already given you something that you can use. If you will use what He has given you and you need more, will He give it to you? Certainly. But if He has already given you something and you won't use it, are you going to get more? That's not guaranteed. You could, but it is not guaranteed. Generally, what is the rule? He who is faithful in the least is faithful in the most. If He can trust you with what He has given you, He can trust you with more at a later time. So edify yourself.

Then Paul said, I wish you all spoke with tongues now he's talking to the Corinthian church. So, did they all speak in tongues? Obviously not. Could they? Yes. This is the Apostle Paul teaching them. Do you think Paul couldn't help everybody speak in tongues? He said, I wish you all spoke with tongues. That was his desire for the church in Corinth. That's my desire for you. I wish you all would speak in tongues, but we can do it and we will do it. You attitude is not like the Corinthian church , of division , of doing your own thing. We have a unity of heart here today and we are going to press in these things. You have confessed it , you are going to receive what you have confessed. You are going to be edifying yourself and you're going to be speaking in tongues.

First Corinthians 14:17 says, For you indeed give thanks well. That's what tongues does. It allows you to give thanks well. Praise the Lord! It allows you to give thanks in a good way. It allows you to give God thanks in a language He loves to hear it in. Don't get me wrong. He loves all the languages of the earth, but tongues allows us to give thanks well.

Jude 1:26 says, But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. What does it do? It builds up your spiritual faith , your most holy faith. Faith is something we all need but we don't really understand much. We all try to build it, but it is a hard job to do. Isn't it? I want more faith. How do you get more faith? Well, you have more faith now for tongues than you did a couple of hours ago. Because you are hearing? Right? Praise God. That's one way we build faith. But this says a specific kind of faith, holy faith.

There are three kinds of faith:

1) Faithfulness. Faith that even a dog can have called faithfulness , you see he is a faithful puppy. He follows you everywhere you go. Humans have that. They just stick with it. Really, not to belittle it, that's our number one main kind of faith is to stay faithful , if you'll stay faithful you will receive things of the Spirit. Stay faithful. That is a thing where you make your body stay faithful. Your puppy makes his body follow you. He is faithful. You do the same thing. I align that with the body. Faithful. You are there. You are always there. You are going to stick there.

2) Your Faith. The Bible calls it "your faith." Like you have faith. Like every person on the earth has their faith. It's not a spiritual faith because non-believers don't have the Spirit of God, but if we confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved because with the mouth confession is made unto salvation and with the heart man believes unto righteousness. By his faith he is saved. We confess the Lord Jesus, but we weren't saved before we confessed it. Our faith brought us to the place that we could be saved. It's the same point of grace. By our faith, we put ourselves in the place where God can save us. It's not of works lest any man should boast. If you were saved by your faith, literally it would be works because even though faith is not a big work it is still work. All your faith did is put you in a place where you could get the grace and God gave it and took you and gave you eternal life. But it was by your faith , I align that with the soul because every human being has it. Some non-believers have learned to use that in such powerful ways that they can do things that Christians haven't even attained to. Some of them are not all so nice. The devil came us the "faithfulness" for his benefit. He also can use the "human faith" to his benefit. Sons of the earth have authority on the earth. Whose authority can he still get? The devil can get that authority and use it.

3) Higher Faith , Spiritual Faith. There is a higher faith that we get. Jesus said, (Matthew 17:20) Whoever had faith like the grain of a mustard seed can remove this mountain and say move and be cast into the sea. Have you ever heard anybody do that yet? "Get out of here and jump into the sea." Have you ever heard anybody tell a mountain to do that? Oh yes, but the mountain didn't go. Why? Because that spiritual faith is contingent upon it being built up and being empowered by God. The spiritual faith is the kind of faith that walks on water. That's the kind that raises the dead. That is in line with your spirit. That's the kind of a grain of mustard seed. That's why you only need a little bit. It is a different brand. It's a different species, if you will. When Jesus said, "If you only had the faith like

the grain of a mustard seed..." It was a different kind than the people in the countryside had because it was a spiritual faith.

Twelve things that tongues does is:

1) 1 Corinthians 14:4 - To edify yourself. It's one of the ways to build up that grain of a mustard seed kind of faith. The people in the Old Testament obviously had to have faith, they even had spiritual faith to part the Red Sea and all that, but here is a way we are given, just, "Here it is." It is so easy it is overlooked.

2) 1 Corinthians 14:17 - To give thanks well. It's so comely we forgot it is more necessary for you to give thanks well.

3) Jude 1:20 - To build up our most holy faith. Praying in the Holy Spirit builds us up in our most holy faith.

4) Acts 2:11 - To speak the wonderful works of God. You speak and you can speak the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11 says, Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. Now who was doing the speaking? The hundred and twenty, the disciples and the apostles. God didn't do it. They spoke. God gave the languages. The people out there understood them, but you have to understand it is speaking in tongues, not being controlled in tongues. You have the Spirit of God, but you need to do the speaking. You are the one that makes the decision. God doesn't grab you and make your lips start going, your throat start going, your voice box start working. You make the decision, by your faith, so to speak. Every day when I walk that is faith. I just don't think of it any more, but it is. I decided to do it and I did it. If I speak in tongues, I choose to do it. I don't have to get worked up in a lather. I don't have to sit on the floor or swing from the ceiling to speak in tongues. The point is we just speak, but the language comes from heaven and I could have been speaking the wonderful works of God, that's what they did on the Day of Pentecost.

5) Acts 10:46 - To speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 10:46 says, For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. They were magnifying God. They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. God waited to be worshiped in spirit and in truth. It has to melt His heart.

6) 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14 - To speak mysteries. 1 Cor. 14:2 says, For 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 for if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays. Verse 14 says, For if I pray in a tongue my spirit prays. So you are praying, you are speaking those mysteries and praying them. We have already talked about instances where God allows a language to be spoken where someone did understand, but no one understands his own language or it wouldn't be tongues. Generally, ninety-nine percent of the time, unless there is a specific phenomena, even the general public doesn't understand. That's why, on a normal basis we would not speak in tongues unless it would be interpreted, in a church or a gathering. But he speaks mysteries. I want to tell you something about this, you have a

spirit and you have a soul. Your mind is in your soul category. But you have a spirit that has the mind of God. It has the Word of God written on the fleshly tables of your heart rather than on the tables of stone like Moses brought down the mountain. When you speak mysteries, you don't understand them, but your spirit does. Your spirit transfers that knowledge to your soul until you can understand it. When you continue to speak in tongues, you will find that you will begin to understand mysteries. You will begin to understand revelations. God will be able to teach you things of the spirit. Many times it will come by your spirit continually hammering on your soul. Praise God that is a gift we have now that we can use that was not available to the men of old. Praise God. We have underestimated these things because we have looked at the Bible with soulish eyes instead of spiritual eyes. God has given us these secret weapons to walk in power.

7) Romans 8:16 & 17 - To bear witness. Romans 8:16 & 17, The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit. Do you see how that transfer can take place. That Spirit of God that is in us bears witness with the spirit of man within you and in time that transfers things of the Spirit into our realm that we can understand. It bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God and if children, then heirs, and heirs and joint heirs with Christ, which is the mystery that was kept hidden from before the foundation of the world which was not revealed until the days of Paul to those apostles and prophets. Joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together. That spirit bears witness of the Christ in you and the rewards to come of the joint inheritance in Christ Jesus.

8) Romans 8:26 - To help us know what to pray. Romans 8:26, Likewise the Spirit also helps our weakness for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Just the other night we had a speaker at our church and a number of us took turns praying in the prayer room. A good example of this of not knowing how to speak as we ought, we would be praying with our understanding, but then you get to a point of "What do I pray for now?" You might speak in tongues while somebody else is praying. So, I'll speak in tongues under my breath to myself and then I'll get inspired and I'll pray something else. Interestingly enough, at times when I would walk out into the foyer and pray out there and could hear what the speaker was preaching, so many times the things he was preaching on were things we had prayed twenty or thirty minutes earlier. Now was he listening? or was it the Spirit that already knew and by speaking in tongues transferred it into our souls so we could pray with understanding? I'm not saying it was interpretation. It was just inspired insight. We didn't even realize it. It wasn't just one or two people. Each of us did that. There was a time when we entered into almost a warfare prayer and it was really intense, taking authority over the devil. One of the men came in and said, "Boy, you guys were praying that by the Spirit because right when you started that this guy came in that was demon possessed." We didn't know that, but the Spirit knew and by tongues being prayed, it inspired. When we prayed with our understanding, we didn't realize how inspired it was. Don't underestimate it. Trust in it, even when you don't understand it.

But it makes intercession with groanings which could not be uttered. In verse 27, Now he who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. That Spirit knows, even though you don't. What is the weakness? We don't know how to pray as we should. We don't know what to pray for. Jesus said, If you will pray according to My will, you will have it. How many times have we prayed and not gotten what we have prayed for? Because we pray it amiss according to James. But, if we pray by the Spirit and His inspiration, what happens? What ever is bound on earth is bound in heaven; what is loosed on earth is loosed in heaven because it is prayed in the Spirit. Intercession by the Spirit prays the will of God. We don't know how to pray for things as we should, but the Spirit does if we will allow it, we will see more answers to prayer.

Continuing along in this line, 1 John 5:14 & 15, Now, this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we have asked for of Him. John is saying if we ask according to His will, we get it. I figured out one day what Jesus' motto was: Nevertheless not My will but Thy will be done. That should be our motto. When we pray a prayer we should get in there and pray without any fear that we might be praying the wrong thing and then we should end it by saying, "Well, nevertheless though, not my will but yours." That is a line-item-veto that you give to God. You are saying, "Look, I'm going to pray this with all authority. I'm going to put all of my effort into this prayer. I'm not going to worry if it is right or wrong , because I'm going to do my best to make it right, but rather than have fear that I might pray something against God's will, I'm just going to end it by saying, "Not my will but Your will be done." That gives Him the right to answer everything in there and cross out something if He wants to rather than having to through your whole prayer out because it wasn't His will. That's Jesus' motto.

If we speak in tongues and get inspired in our spirit, then we pray by the understanding , what happens? We are much more accurate and we pray the will of the Father then prayers get answered!

9) 2 Corinthians 4:16 - To renew us in our inner man. Second Corinthians 4:16 says, Therefore we do not lose heart even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. Don't you want to be renewed and refreshed? That is what renewal is , to be refreshed. Even though our bodies are perishing , you know the saying that you can heal broken parts but it is better to heal broken hearts. Because Lazarus was raised from the dead, wasn't he? Yes, he was. But, guess what? He died anyway. He just died a little bit later. It was a glory to God that he was raised from the dead but still eventually his body gave out. We can lay hands on the sick and they can recover and it is a sign , thank God we can do that. We should have healthy bodies and we can still walk in these healthy bodies even from the day that the Lord comes or if He should tarry too long, until the day we die. The point is, if He tarries long enough we will die. Any healings we may have received will have had their time and our body is still going to perish and we are going to be given a new body in heaven. But, what we do in the Spirit that renews us in the inner man is eternal. Even if we die it is still there for all

of eternity. Anything we've built up and allowed to stay there , all the renewal we have built in there is eternal. But you have to do it according to God's rules. That means we can't look at it with our silly little minds, right? We have to look at it according to His rules. According to His way of seeing things and be renewed day by day.

10) Ephesians 3:16 - To build up your inner man which comes from the Spirit and out. Ephesians 3:16 says, That He would grant you [this is part of Paul's prayer] that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory. What are the riches of His glory? The Christ in you the hope of glory. This is tied in with that great mystery that we are joint-heirs with Christ. This is not the mystery because tongues shall pass away, but our reward won't. But, it is tied to that in that when we walk into that new covenant and Jesus went up there and cleared up that temple, that sanctuary, and gave gifts to us through the Holy Spirit that the tongues were given to us is a greater and more powerful thing that was available before. We now can use this if we are wise according to the riches of that glory , of that great mystery to be strengthened with might through the Spirit in the inner man. We work a lot of myths in our minds. Even studying the Bible is a mind thing. The Bible is a spiritual book but it comes through the filter of your mind and down. But, the tongues builds up your inner man which comes from the Spirit and out. It comes from a different direction. Still coming and dealing with your mind, but instead of coming from here in, it is coming from the inside out. It is strengthening you in the inner man. Praise the Lord! With these outer-men we are going to put off. One way or the other we are going to put these off. So, Paul told Timothy that physical exercise profits you for a while , it profits a little , as long as you are in that body. It is good to be healthy. It is good to have physical exercise and to be able to get to where you need to go and get there without pain, but to be strengthened with might in the inner man is eternal and it is greater. Somebody in a wheelchair can still raise somebody from the dead and they are going to have a new body some day. Somebody who is not in a wheelchair could raise somebody from the dead and get put in a wheelchair. These shells that we are in are temples. So, let's not base too much on these things. The inner-man, the thing that you can't see, is where we should really spend our time.

11) Isaiah 28:11 & 12 - To be a refreshing and a rest. Isaiah 28:11 & 12 says, For with stammering lips and another tongue he will speak to his people. To whom he said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing" and they would not hear. But, He prophesied in Isaiah He was going to give a gift to us that we could use that would give us the refreshing that we had already heard about to be renewed but also a rest to our spirit. How many times have you just been exhausted or your mind is going a hundred miles an hour and you need some rest? If you would just sit down and speak in tongues you can get rest compacted in a spiritual capsule. I always joke and ask the Lord to deliver some sleep to me. I go to somebody and say, "Would you pray for me and just minister some sleep to me." In reality they can't. But I can be strengthened and refreshed and receive rest. Isn't that what sleep is about anyway , to get rest and refreshing. We can have all those things through tongues. Paul quoted that again in 1 Corinthians 14:21.

12) 1 Corinthians 14:22 - To help us mature in the things of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 14:22 (after Paul quoted from Isaiah he continued...) Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. There are different Greek words for the word unbelief or unbelievers, there is the word *apeitheia* (ap- i-thi-ah) from which we get the word apathy. What is apathy? Someone that knows better, but still acts that way. They know they shouldn't feel that way but they do anyway. They don't care. That word is used for those that have heard enough to believe, but refuse, like the Pharisees. They were *apeitheia* unbelievers. They'd heard enough and they still killed Jesus. But then there's the other kind of unbelief which is *apistia* (ap-is-tee-ah) which we all have. *Apistia* unbelief is an unbelief which will change when you learn more. In other words it is a kind of unbelief you have because you haven't been instructed fully. For instance you don't know how to skateboard. But, you could learn. You have unbelief when it comes to skateboarding because you haven't been instructed. But, you could be instructed. Now, if I instructed you and you still said, "I don't know how to skateboard." That would be *apeitheia*. You would be apathetic towards skateboarding. Once you are instructed you are no more an unbeliever, no more *apistia*. So when it says here tongues are for those that don't believe, you can see right there it helps us transfer from the place of the *apistia* unbelief to the believing. So it helps us grow. It is actually given to us. One of the things that tongues can do is help us mature in the things of the Spirit.

Not everybody needs to start with tongues, but to read this is to understand that is the logical way for it to work. You can see that throughout the Book of Acts. Go through the Book of Acts and look at every time that somebody received the new birth, they almost every time spoke in tongues. They didn't raise somebody from the dead the first time. They didn't prophecy the first time. They spoke in tongues. When they didn't speak in tongues like in Acts chapter eight when Philip went up to Samaria and they had been bewitched by Simon the Sorcerer. That was the first time they went in, they believed, but they didn't speak in tongues and it stood out so much that the apostles went up there and said, "What's going on?" Then they laid hands on them and they spoke in tongues. But, there were some problems there because of the witchcraft. When somebody got saved they spoke in tongues. Remember at Cornelius' house? They didn't even get to lay hands on those guys. It was just like the Day of Pentecost. They just received the Lord and they just started speaking in tongues. They never had heard of it yet they did because it was a sign. Wow, if I can do this, I can do other things.

Those of you who speak in tongues, I'm sure you can relate with this. I remember after I spoke in tongues the first time and I was speaking in tongues up in my dorm room. I was praying and thinking, "This is silly. This couldn't be God. I'm making this up, aren't I?" About that time I walked past the mirror and I saw my mouth moving and my tongue was coming out and my mind was saying that I was making this up, but I was realizing there was no way I was making this up because here I am thinking about making this up and it was flowing. It occurred to me that it had to be the accuser coming in and whispering in my ear and I said, "Shut up. This is definitely from God." This is the same thing that happens with the other gifts and empowerments. The doubter always comes to make you doubt. This is for the unbeliever, meaning us. Anyplace in our walk with God where we

aren't fully instructed , don't have all the beliefs that we should , and we all have places like that. I do. Tongues will help them. It will help us to be built up on our most holy faith! Praise God! So we can utilize these things in a great and wonderful, mighty way!

SPEAKING IN TONGUES - Tape Four

Well praise God. I really think now is the time to press in. We are going to take this time to take dominion over our bodies and God will reward us. Praise God.

I want to take you to a point now where you can receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. As I started off this morning by saying the number one thing we need to do is trust God and not be fearful. Hopefully we have torn down some of those things that have caused some fear in the past, but we are going to take care of the rest. We have just a little bit to go here and we will all be praising God, magnifying God, being built up in our most holy faith , speaking in the tongues of men and of angels. So praise the Lord.

I want to instruct you, as we began today by quoting from Galatians 3:5 He who supplies the Spirit to you and the works miracles among you does it do it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? So once again I am going to teach you some practical things from the Bible which are going to help you to put yourselves in that place to receive this grace. In other words I am going to take care of the unbelief by teaching instruction that anyone who wants to get rid of that unbelief, the kind that you have because you haven't been instructed enough. Let's face it , some people need to be instructed more than others. Each of us has certain things that we learned in school can easy and other things we had to work hard at. None of those things are against us , that's just a fact of life. The same thing with the gifts of the Spirit. Some of them you will walk into easier than others. But, we can all walk in all of them. We are going to have you speaking in tongues before too long because I am going to instruct you from the Bible truths that will not only put you at ease, have you walking in peace, but have you in that place where God will impart the grace to you.

Now in Job 29:23 it says, And they waited for me as for the rain and they opened their mouths wide as for the Spring rain. What did they open their mouths for? For the rain. Now what did you do when you were a kid , some of us are still like that , you went out in the Spring rain and just opened your mouth. It's like catching snow flakes , but they didn't have snow in Job's part of the country, I don't think. But the Spring rains came. You try to catch it and drink it in, to taste it. This is the same with the Spirit. We need to have that same attitude. We want to catch it and bring it in , like for the refreshing Spring rain. Remember, the speaking in tongues brings refreshing to us. So we want to drink it in. We want to take it in. We don't have to be afraid of taking in something that is wrong or counterfeit. It is the Spring rain. If we trusted the Spring rains are coming and they are from God and they are going to bring restoration, we also likewise have to have that trust that when we open up to breathe in the Spirit we are going to receive God's Spirit and put trust in our Heavenly Father. By doing this we can really say that Jesus is Lord, because

we trusted Him to give us the gift He promised. We will see that more when we get to Jesus and what He said.

First Corinthians 12: 13 says, For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. You see like Job said, we love drinking the Spring rains. If we want to be speaking in tongues we drink in that Spirit. We drink it in. We take it in. You know it doesn't stay in. If we receive eternal life we've taken it in, but to speak in tongues is to let that come back out.

Ephesians 5:18 says, Do not be drunk with wine which is dissipation or "excess" [depending on your translation] but be filled with the Spirit. Now there are different words for the word "filled" also in the Greek. There's pleroo (play-ro-o) and pletho (play-tho). Where it says when you receive the Lord, and you confess Him as Lord, you may be filled (pleroo) to capacity with all the fullness of Christ. But, on the day of Pentecost it says they were filled with the Holy Spirit (pletho) which means filled to overflowing. When you pour into a glass, at the point that it is filled to capacity is pleroo. At the point where it flows over it is pletho. When we speak in tongues we are filled with the Holy Spirit past capacity where it is flowing out; where we have taken in the latter rains and now it is flowing out. We are filled with the Holy Spirit, but you can't say that in the English. When it says, "Filled with the Holy Spirit," it is not talking about the fullness that we have in Christ that fills us to capacity with eternal life, but filled beyond capacity to where it is manifested in this world. Isn't that wonderful? So praise God. We want to be filled, not with spirits in a bottle, that's why they call them spirits because sometimes they make you act the way they acted on the day of Pentecost. When the Spirit really takes over, many times in our worship, we don't realize that many times it appears to others we really are drunk or something. But, in reality it is the Spirit overflowing. What Paul was saying there in Ephesians go ahead and be filled, but be filled with The Spirit to overflowing not a bottle of spirits. It is a counterfeit. So why do people go to those things to try to fill that empty void? Why do we want to be filled with the Spirit? Because there is an emptiness there too, even in the Spirit that God will fill. Once we are filled we can be filled and be refilled; fueled and refueled. We can be built up in a most holy space; strengthened in our inner man.

John 7:37-39 Jesus said, And on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink." He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart (or out of his belly) will flow rivers of living water. Who? He who believes. Who speaks in tongues? He who believes. Who casts out demons? He who believes. Who says Jesus is Lord? He who believes. How can we really say He is Lord? By the Spirit, by walking out in belief, by faith. Walking out to the point that out of our bellies flow rivers of living water and really say, "Jesus is Lord in our lives." By action; not just by word. By walking out in faith into a place we couldn't go with our bodies; but with our spirit we go into a new realm. It is exciting; it is wonderful!

Jesus said to come to Him and drink. See, we are not going to some place. We're not going to some soothsayer. We're not going to some place where a demon can come and affect us. We're going to the Lord Jesus and drinking from Him. Living Water. If we drink of those waters we would never thirst again, He said. Jesus Christ, we are going to drink of the Lord Jesus. Come to Him and drink. If you believe in Him, out of your belly will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit whom those believing in Him would receive for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. Do you see how it was contingent upon Him first going to heaven and being glorified. Do you see how much was contingent upon Him going up there and clearing out that sanctuary? Do you see how those things had to happen? The resurrection; the ascension and then when he went to center up, why was there ten more days before Pentecost? Because it took Him a while to clean out the mess that Lucifer had made. He was a messy servant. Anyway He cleared that out. Once He was up there, once He was glorified, seated at the right hand of God the Father, He could give the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, boom, He gave the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues as the first sign of that Spirit which was a token of our inheritance of eternal life, being joint heirs with Christ, available now to have all the riches in eternity that are available through the Son of God who never sinned.

We never could have gotten those on our own, but through Him and trusting in Him, and His Blood, and walking with Him in obedience, now that greatness He talks about that was hidden is the salvation of our souls as Peter talked about. We walk in that now. Out of our bellies flow rivers of living waters because the Spirit which He was prophesying about which was to come, we never could understand it. They were hiding. Peter was talking tough. He said, "I'll never forsake you." Then he denied Jesus time and time again. He went and hid because he was so ashamed once he saw the Lord being brought out. Here they were hiding even after all of them but Thomas had seen the Lord. Still Thomas, "I don't believe it. Keep the door locked." Jesus just walked through the door. Then he believed Jesus.

But, look at the difference after the Day of Pentecost when they received the Holy Spirit. Peter stands up and says, "You guys crucified the Lord, the Messiah." I mean he was hiding from these people not that long ago. Now he is out there preaching to them. Shortly he gets called in and told not to preach in this guy's name anymore. He says, "Sorry, shall we obey man or God? We're going to obey God." It's a different Peter. It's a different John. It's a different, all the other disciples, they were all changed when they received the Holy Spirit. It will change you, too. When you are filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter how long you have been a Christian. It will change things for you. It will be a glory in your life and to the Father.

In Genesis 2:7 says, The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. What did He do to give Him life? He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and then man became a living being. God took that dirt, put it all together, made this nice body. There it was a nice body with no life. He breathed in that life! Man became a living being!

What happened with Jesus in John 20:22 it said, He was instructing them what to do , to go to Jerusalem and tarry and wait for the promise of the Father. The Holy Spirit is going to come. They didn't understand, but they are going to obey Him. He said to go there and wait. He is instructing them on what to do , how to receive the Holy Spirit. It said, and when He said this He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Ghost." Now some people teach that the Apostles got it ten days before everybody else. No. Jesus said it wasn't available. It was coming shortly. They didn't get it anytime sooner. What He was doing was showing them what was happening. Breathe in, just like Adam when God breathed into him. Adam took it in and became a living being. Right? What happens when God breathes to you? What are you going to do? Just sit there? Like the latter rains , breathe it in. When Jesus was teaching them and He breathed on them and said, "This is how you receive the Holy Spirit." Breathe in. It was a type of God giving life to Adam was Jesus giving new life to us.

Once again, undoing what the devil had done. Giving back something that was stolen , but giving it back better than it was to start with , never to be taken again. So He breathed on them and He said, "Receive the Holy Ghost." When the Lord breathes, breathe it in. You take it in.

Luke 11:9 says, So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened unto you; for everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it will be opened. Now we hear those verses quite a bit, especially in terms of prayer and praying. But, look at the context: For if a son asks for bread from any father among you, would he give them a stone. If he asks for a fish, would he give them a serpent instead of a fish. Or if he asks for an egg, would he offer them a scorpion? If you then, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. What is the context? Ask and it shall be given. The Holy Spirit!

See all these stories about well some people get it and some people don't. You might get this but not that. It's not what Jesus taught. Ask and you shall receive. The context of it is Holy Spirit. And we know that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. Our prayers aren't answered because we ask amiss, James says. So if we ask God for something that is going to hurt us, is God going to give it to us? Generally no , we're not going to get it. What is that song that says "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers." All of them are answered , but some of the answers are "No." The point is that we know all ready that His answer to the empowerments of the Spirit are, "Yes. Yes. Yes." And so if you ask according to His will you receive, John said. But, Jesus is saying that this is His will: Ask and you shall receive.

Let's just say it right now. "Lord, give me the Holy Spirit." Praise the Lord! Thank you Lord. You see, it's not that you're not saved that you don't have the Spirit inside you, but you want it given to manifestation , to where it is filled with the Holy Spirit , filled to overflowing so that we see it with your eyes and it builds up belief. We are not longer unbelievers in this area because it is a sign given to those that don't believe. Those of us that didn't believe become believers quickly.

I want to look more closely at this section because the Bible is an Eastern book. Christianity is one of those Eastern religions. In reality it is THE , if there is a true religion as James talks about , it is THE one. But, it came from the East. From where we are now, Jerusalem is east. It is one of the religions that came out of the East. It is THE one that God gave us. Christianity is literally a lifestyle godliness doing what your Father has asked you to do. What we need to understand when we come to the Bible is that those Orientalisms and those customs that the people reading these two-thousand years ago in those areas understood. We don't understand things like pressed down shaken together and running over shall men give unto your bosoms. We don't understand that. We don't understand when it talks about the eye of the needle and a camel going through the eye of a needle. But, they understood that when they closed the gates at night that there was a smaller door there that they called the "needle's eye." If you wanted to get a camel through that you had to take all his stuff off and you had to get him on his knees to get him through or wait until the next morning. But, what Jesus was saying was for a rich man to get into the kingdom you had to get rid of all his burdens so he could go through that eye of the needle. It wasn't that he couldn't get in but he had to leave his stuff behind. We don't understand those things, but they knew it. When those things were spoken they understood.

But, when He talked about these things here, if a son asked for bread, will a father give him a stone? We would think of a loaf of bread coming into a rectangular brick. That doesn't look like a stone. That isn't what their bread looked like , their bread was more like Pita bread or something , unleavened and round. Maybe sometime you have seen on National Geographic on television somewhere when a woman in a marketplace is making these little things almost like pancakes. Then she stacks them over here, right? What they had is a stone about the same size and the same thickness that they put on top. It would keep them warm, but it would also keep them from blowing away as the stack grew a little bit higher. What happened was that stone eventually would absorb the oil from the bread over a period of time , eventually it came to look like a piece of the bread. So, what Jesus is saying is that, "Look, if you asked for bread , your Dad is smart enough not to give you the stone , even though it looks like it." To our mind, how could you confuse the two. But, Jesus is saying, "Look, these are close and yet you still get the right thing." In other words He is saying that you are not going to get a counterfeit. A counterfeit is close but not exact. We don't want any counterfeits. We don't want something that looks like it is from God, but isn't. No way. Jesus is saying, "You don't get the stone from your Dad." Okay?

Or if he asks for a fish will he give him a serpent instead? Actually that word for "fish" was a type of fish , a type of eel , it tasted very good. It kind of looked like a snake , there were some snakes that looked real close to it. The snakes were poisonous. I don't think they liked eating them anyway, but the eel tasted very good. Yet, what Jesus was saying was if you asked for one of those, they don't give you the snake, do they? They know the difference. And so once again He is comparing two things , to us, we can tell the difference between a fish -- you know a bass does not look like a rattle snake. But, what

He is saying , He is comparing two things that the Eastern mind they understood were close and yet you still got the right thing.

If he ask for an egg will he offer him a scorpion. One of the scorpions with the worst sting was a white scorpion. It could curl up. Scorpions lay eggs themselves, but they are smaller than a hen egg, but they would curl up almost into a circle. If you would walk on one, it would almost crack like an egg. Interestingly enough, when one of those white scorpions was broken it was yellow and white clear goo inside, like an egg. So once again we are looking at something that they could understand was similar to an egg. Jesus is once again saying, "You ask for eggs, you don't get scorpions." Even though you could see the similarity , still people don't give you a counterfeit.

Now, with that in mind , that these things are not that different in the way they look , but certainly different in what they are , with that in mind verse 13, If you fathers being evil know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. Father, give me the Holy Spirit. Let me have your gift. Let me manifest that into this world that so dearly needs to see the manifestation of your Holy Spirit. If we ask, we receive and not a counterfeit. He knows how to give good gifts. If we, as human beings, don't give things that hurt our children, certainly we can be at peace knowing that God is not going to give us a counterfeit.

First Corinthians 12:3, Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed; and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that would curse the Lord Jesus. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that would bring harm. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that looks close, but isn't. You don't have to be concerned about that because Jesus taught about that before the Day of Pentecost to put them at ease; to put them in peace for something that was coming that they didn't even comprehend. You need to be a peace today. Say, "Lord, I receive Your peace. Lord, I trust you. You will give me a good gift. Thank you, Lord."

Acts 2:1 & 2 says, Now when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Now in the NIV I like what it says there: ...and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came... Now remember, put that together with what I just showed you about God breathing into Adam. Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Ghost." What do you do? You breathe it in and let it out.

I want everybody to do that with me. Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Let's do that a few times and see what it sounds like. Can you hear a hundred-twenty people doing that in an upper room or someplace? What are you going to have? The sound of a blowing wind, aren't you? Praise the Lord. Then you put the Holy Spirit coming in there on top of that and you've got some sounds going around.

Are there some things we need to do to receive? Things we can do to put ourselves in a place to receive grace? Amen. There certainly are. That's why Jesus taught them. Because it helps put people in a place where they believe and then God gives because it's always His good heart to give.

In that day there was a sound of that blowing wind. Then it says in verse 3, there appeared to them divided tongues as of fire; one sat on each of them... but don't expect that today. That was on the first time it ever happened. God could do it if He wanted to, but He doesn't need to. The first time they needed that signal. When they got it they knew what to do. It appeared to them and it sat on each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they (the person) began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. One of the mistakes we have is we say, "Lord, I'm willing to."

One time I led a group of people into the baptism of the Holy Spirit and I said, "Okay, now I want you to speak with other tongues." Everybody spoke with other tongues, but one guy. He was over there going abracadabra, abracadabra, abracadabra over and over. Well, that is not the Spirit giving utterance. You need to turn this mind off and let your spirit turn on. God is not going to grab you and control you and stop you from saying abracadabra. Now you could say, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord. Why? because you can't speak in tongues and do that. You cannot speak in tongues and say abracadabra at the same time. You could speak in tongues and think abracadabra, but you don't need to because this is not magic. This is God empowering you to do what He wills for you to do. So don't say abracadabra or God bless. But say whatever comes out from the Spirit. The point is: you speak, God's Spirit gives the utterance, but your mind does not need to be told what the words are going to be. You will be saying abracadabra if you start thinking about it.

But, what we are going to do is we aren't going to have anybody saying things with their understanding. We are going to have everybody very quickly here speaking with other tongues because we are going to drink in the Living Waters like Jesus said and we are going to have out of our bellies flowing the rivers of Living Water.

They began to speak. This is one of the simplest things, but it is something that we don't teach. It keeps so many people from doing it because they haven't been taught. The Spirit gives the words, the Spirit gives the utterance, but we take the action and by taking that action we say that Jesus is Lord. We're stepping out into a Spirit realm where we have never been and we will speak in tongues. Jesus promised it. Verse 5, And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews and devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

"Whatever could this mean?" Other mocking said, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, (a different Peter than we had just a few minutes before) raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh

(and when He pours it out what are you going to do? Drink it in!)

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on My men servants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

This came. Of course on that day they appeared drunk and it hit them. They got hit with the Holy Spirit and the first time in the history of the world, this thing happened. Even the devil was thrown back for a while against the wall. This was like, "What is this?" They never expected this. Even with everything Jesus taught they couldn't comprehend it.

That doesn't mean you are going to act like that today. But the point is to be filled with the Spirit, not with the wine and it is not how we act but what do we speak. Are we going to allow God to have His way. Are we going to drink it in and allow it to come out of our belly to flow rivers of Living Water.

Two more verses I want to read before we lead you into this. Romans 8:26, Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

I want everybody to repeat after me. H-h-a-a-a. What word was that? It's not any word. It's the first part of Holy. But how did it start? A groan down here in your belly. It started as a groaning, but you uttered it and it came out "holy." Do it again. H-h-o-o-o-l-y. But how did it start? H-h-o-o. Let me think of another one here. P-p-a, P-p-a. Now if I just stop with that it doesn't sound like much, but if I continue on it can become Praise. It's just like tongues, they start with a groaning. It started down in my belly. It was out of my belly. What happens is as I let that out, it comes across my throat. But if I just go H-h-a-o and I don't go anything with my mouth, it just stays H-h-a-o. You see, I have to do the same thing when I say holy, what do I do? I use my tongue. What do you do when you talk? You move your mouth. But, is that all you do? No. I can move my mouth and nothing comes out. We have to move our mouth and that groan has to come then our tongue moves and formulates it and our lips move, it's all part of speaking. The only difference is that when the tongue comes it is the Spirit giving the utterance, not your mind. But, many times we have stopped short because nobody taught us this comes out of our belly across our vocal cords and out of our mouth and we actually have to let our

mouth move just like we do when we speak. We have been expecting God to grab our mouth and let it go. That's not how it happens. They spoke; the Spirit gave the utterance.

I speak. I choose to. God doesn't make me. I allow it. It comes from my belly, rivers of Living Water. It just flows. If you get the first word, the rest will come. That first word is the hard one. That is the only thing that has been holding you up is the first word. If I can help you do the first word, the rest will come. It's like walking on water, the first step is the hard one. Once you are on top, you move. We are walking out on water now, spiritually and we will receive the same blessing because we are going to be saying, "Jesus is Lord. Lord, I trust You. I'm falling out of the airplane and You will catch me. I'm going to step out in faith into a place I've never been and I'm going to speak in tongues."

Take everything and set it aside. If you have your Bible, set it aside and close your eyes. Now I just want to read one more verse as you are preparing here. Second Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Fear of failure keeps us from moving into the things of God. It keeps us from moving into the things we can do even in the natural. But fear will bind up the Spirit from moving. This is why we don't allow fear here. That's why we have been praying for peace all along. That's why we have a peace right now in the room and I thank God for that peace.

I want to add another little bit of advice for you to just listen here as your eyes are closed. One of the fears that the devil will bring is that you will appear foolish in front of somebody else. Even though you know everybody else is here to speak in tongues, you might be thinking, "Well, what if I don't. I might look foolish." Just remember, nobody else is thinking about you. They are all thinking that about themselves. So keep that in mind. It's just you and God now. I may be my voice that you are hearing, but let me minister the Holy Spirit to you and lead you to the place where that grace of speaking in tongues will be poured out upon you and it will flow out from your belly.

I'm going to pray first and then I'm going to lead you into the manifestation of speaking in tongues. "Lord, I bless this congregation here today. These are your children and they have come here seeking You and seeking a great gifts which You have given to Your people. Our motivation is that we might have these things that we might edify the Church and that we might be built up and that we might become closer to You. That we would grow up in the things of the Spirit and that we would see from a different perspective than we have seen in the past. That we would be able to receive things that You have promised to us. Lord, Jesus, we trust You. We know that You said that You would not give anything that would hurt us, that the Father would make sure that we got good gifts. So right now Lord, as we receive the Holy Spirit we know we are going to receive a good gift from You."

Now, I'm going to ask you, before I lead you into the manifestation of tongues, I'm going to ask you to do some things again that we have just already done.

First, I want you to just breathe in and breathe out. I want you to hear it yourself. Do it now. Blow it out strongly so you can really hear it. Remember Jesus said to drink it in. Come to Me and drink it in. We are coming to the Lord Jesus now and drinking in as He blew the Holy Spirit and blew His breath on the Apostles and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. As we breathe in, we want to breathe in that promise. As we breathe out, we are going to bring out that Living Water from within our depths, from the Spirit within us, from our belly will flow. Now as we breathe out, I want you to remember what Paul said about us by the Spirit speak groanings which cannot be uttered.

So now I want you to breathe in and I want you to breathe out a sound, just a sound, not a word, but a sound like o-o-o-o. Do it now several times. Keep doing that as I talk.

"Lord, we just thank You for Your wisdom, Your grace, Your knowledge, Your understanding. Lord, I praise You that right now as I minister the Holy Spirit that each person here, each Child of God here, will manifest Your Spirit and speak with other tongues to magnify You Lord and You can hear again those tongues of men and of angels which You were so patient to wait so Your children could bring You great glory."

I want you to stop right now and I'm going to have you do those things again, only this time when I have you breathe out, I'm going to have you formulate a word. It's going to come out like that groan but, it's not going to end that way, it's going to be a word.

Everybody breathe in and breathe out a few times with a sound of o-o-o-o, ah-ah-ah. Now this time breathe in and when you breathe out I want you to let that groan out into a word. Keep it going o-o-o shanta a-a-a capa, keela lama, o-o-o shanta la-la-ma-a-a, o-o-o shanta la ma-a-a-a. Remember you do the speaking, the Spirit will give the word. Keep doing it. Breathe in. Let that word out. Shanta la-o-ma, etc. Breathe in and let it out. Shanta la-o-ma on-day-shala-ma. Okay, just let it come out. Keep it flowing. Keep it flowing. If you said one word you can say ten thousand. If you're having doubts about whether or not it is from God, you already know it has to be because your mind is thinking that instead of the words you are speaking. You are speaking the words that are coming from heaven. You've been filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. You're speaking the wonderful works of God. You are praising God in the languages He wanted to hear. You are tormenting the enemy because you are speaking the tongues of angels.

Okay. I want to ask everyone to stop now. The reason I want you to stop now is because I'm going to have you start again in a minute. But first I want to say, "Praise the Lord!" We all have a higher understanding of tongues. None of us that have been doing it and putting it on a shelf will do that anymore, I trust. But, we will take it as it is: A gift from God meant to edify and build up and to help us do things and give us help in this day spiritually that were not available in the Old Testament.

I want you to take a minute here as you are listening to me and we are going to start speaking in tongues again. The reason I'm going to do that is so that you know it is not going to leave you. You didn't just do it once and it disappears. Now that you have stopped, when you start again you will know that you can do it from now on.

So, I want everyone to close your eyes again. We are going to start again and I want to hear you speak in tongues again. Go ahead and start. Out of your belly flow rivers of Living Water; groanings that cannot be uttered. Let it come out. You have to formulate the words. You move your mouth. You move your tongue. It comes across your vocal cords.

Praise God. Thank you Lord. Praise you Jesus. Hallelujah! Shanta la-o-ma, etc. Praise the Lord! Okay. That's good. You can do it. If you can say one word, you can say ten thousand. If you can stop and start again, God didn't take it back. It is yours for life. Use it in love. Praise God because He gives good gifts unto men.