

WHY PENTECOST?

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Praise the Lord! We're going to talk some more about tongues. Speaking in tongues , how wonderful it is and I want to show you why it was held until Pentecost , why tongues were not available until the day of Pentecost when the Church was birthed.

Mark 16:17, Jesus said, And these signs shall follow those who believe. Those who believe have signs behind them. In My name they will cast out demons. That is the first thing He mentions. I think there is a reason. Because it says in First John that He came to destroy the works of the devil and Jesus never forgot that and He still hasn't forgotten that. The purpose of His ministry is to destroy the devil, thankfully in the process it includes all men can be saved because that is part of destroying the enemy. He hates the devil and He wanted to be sure that we knew we could cast out demons if we believed. That's all it takes.

They will speak with other tongues. They will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Let me ask a question. In the four gospels were there demons cast out? Yes. Were there people that got healed by the laying on of hands? Sure. Were there prophecies? Sure. Were there workings of miracles? Was there discerning of spirits? Was there faith? Yes. All of those manifestations were there except tongues and interpretation. They were not available until Pentecost and yet He puts them in the same category of these signs will follow those that believe in My name. So we are going to be able to do things that in the Old Testament were done but also some new things that weren't even available then.

Some of the things that come under the category of they searched the Scriptures to see and they could never find these things. Even angels desired to look into these things , the things that were hidden , that were great mysteries , part of that, that comes in with the great mystery that Paul talked about that was lately revealed to his apostles and prophets in the early church. Things that were hidden in the Old Testament. They were covered over. They couldn't be searched out. Tongues fell into that category. Tongues is not the mystery because it was talked about , but it was not available , it was prophesied about, but because of the mysteries that God unfolded and the things that came to pass that were hidden, we now can speak in tongues if we believe.

To receive the empowerment you humble yourself and receive grace. The empowerments, the gifts, are charisma that comes from the word charis which is grace , so gifts of God's grace are given when we humble ourselves. So, what is it to believe, to receive, in this case? Humble yourself. If you believe, you can receive. You'll put yourself in that position to receive that gift , the tongues in this case.

John 4:23 & 24 says, But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth , or you could translate it: It is truly by the Spirit. The hour is coming , it is almost here , when the true worshipers are going to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Why wasn't it there then? Why wasn't it there before? It says God was seeking such. He was desiring , He was looking for , He was earnestly desiring something , what was it? Those who would worship Him in spirit and truth , because He is Spirit , He loves our worship. He was looking for something even more special that wasn't there in the Old Testament , that David couldn't do , that the prophets of old and the minstrels of old couldn't bring to Him , something special. Why couldn't He have it? He's God. Why was it that something had to happen first? What was it that had to happen in order for this to come to Him so that He could have the desires of His heart and receive those who would worship Him truly by the Spirit?

In order to explain that to you I have to show you some interesting things about our arch-enemy the devil. You know who the devil was. He was Lucifer. He was a servant of God. I like what Martin Luther said. He said, "The devil is still God's devil." Never forget that. God created him as a servant. He chose to become a disobedient servant, but the Bible says that all the things he does work to our good if we love God. So, even though he is a disobedient servant and he has turned things all the way backwards and just brought havoc to God's creation, when we walk in the love of God under the blood of Jesus Christ, everything he does still serves God. Thereby, because we are His children, serves us. That should be comforting because the devil is still God's devil. He was created a servant; he is still a servant. He is just a disobedient servant. But, God is so big, that even in Satan's disobedience, the things he does serves those that love God. Praise the Lord.

Well, he wasn't always the devil. He wasn't always the accuser. Look in Ezekiel 28:12, Son of man take up a lamentation for the King of Tyre and say to him. Obviously the King of Tyre is not who this person we are going to hear about here. Obviously the King of Tyre when Ezekiel is saying this to the King of Tyre and writing it , obviously he is influenced by someone. You are going to figure out easily who that someone is. Thus says the Lord God, "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the Garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day

you were created." It kind of sounds like he dressed like Liberace , I mean he is shiny and he played musical instruments , but the point is that he reminds you of the Ephod that the high priest put on. It had the twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel. He didn't have twelve on, but nevertheless he had this on his breast. He wore these different stones. Then he had timbrels. Who has timbrels? A musician. He had all this music. His pipes were prepared for you on the day you were created. When you think of the devil you think of this guy , generally speaking , who is red with horns and hooved feet. Those pipes could represent the horns, but they were for singing. He had a voice for praising. He was not only a servant but he was designed as a musical instrument. He was the leader of the band. He was created to bring praise to God and to lead praise to the Most High. He had these pipes built in. He had these tablets such as castanets, so in a sense I can see that in those hooves. I'm not saying that the devil looks like the cartoons, but I am saying that I can see even in the cartoons after all these thousands of years you can see some of the bits that come right out of the Bible , little pieces. He had these diamonds and turquoise and all these jewels on him to make him beautiful , to make him shine and to reflect things.

Like, if you had that sequined jacket on and the light was out , it wouldn't show anything. But, when the light just hits it a little bit it just really shows off that light. It is just glorious to behold. But, when you put out the light, it's not glorious at all , it's just dark. So, when he was in the light , with all that he was wearing and that he was covered with , he reflected God's glory.

And he made music. Verse 14, "You were the anointed cherub who covers..." I was taught one time that when you take a diamond and you cut the facets off a diamond , you know the diamond starts off just like a rock and you chip those off. Each one of those facets then makes it more and more beautiful. The last one they take off is the top one. They take that piece off the top and then the face of the diamond is flat. That piece that came off is the piece that covered. That was Lucifer. God's the diamond and Lucifer was that piece that went right face-to-face with Him to reflect His glory. He was the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of the fiery stones. You were perfect in all your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you. That's the original sin. Lucifer.

Verse 16, By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries... Now in every translation I looked at, it says you defiled your sanctuaries , plural. But in all the Greek notes you will see that it was listed as being singular , your sanctuary. Who has a sanctuary? A priest. A minister has a sanctuary. It

wasn't that he came and destroyed other people's sanctuaries on earth. He had a sanctuary. Lucifer had a sanctuary , where the stones of God were , where he was face-to-face with God , where he led the music. He was a priest. He was the high priest of God that showed forth the glory of God and let the angels know of the most high and brought glory to Him and let His radiance show forth to those angels. He deviled his sanctuary.

Verse 18, You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples were astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever." He was cast out. You think of Adam and Eve being sent out of the Garden , it happened before that, too with Lucifer. He messed up and he got sent out.

It says that He came to the Garden of God , he spread his evil. Interestingly enough it says that God put Adam and the woman in the Garden and He said He gave them dominion and He told them to go and subdue the earth , but, if you remember, the Bible says that the earth was very good. He created all these things and they were good. Then afterwards He looked at the whole thing and said that it was very good. So, why on earth if everything is very good would you put two people there and say, "Subdue it." Subdue means to put down; to keep something under , like an army taking over. If the earth is very good, what is there to take over? Somebody that was cast down there is supposed to be taken over , somebody that was supposed to be subdued. That was Lucifer and his angels that were cast down to earth and one of man's primary duties was to fill the earth with the Spirit of God and subdue it. To subdue it meant to take authority over that cast-down devil and his demons. That is still our job but now we are empowered again with the empowerment that Adam lost so that we can do again. God is still going to get His will done , what He originally wanted when He put Adam in the Garden. It is still going to come to pass.

Look at Hebrews 8:1, Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, [Lucifer was the high priest -- but now who is the High Priest? Jesus] We have a High Priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. This is the sanctuary where Lucifer at one time was the high priest in charge , but he was cast out. He deviled that sanctuary. Let me ask you a question , knowing that God is great, and mighty, and holy , is He going to allow praise and worship to come to Him through a defiled sanctuary? I think not. But Jesus, on the other hand, now is a High Priest and minister of the sanctuary. Something is changed. Something changed between when the devil was cast down and when Jesus ascended up on high. Something now can happen that couldn't happen before because of something that Jesus did in the heavenlies.

Look in Isaiah 14:9, "Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and

worms cover you.' How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest side to the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Verse 18, All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; but you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit,... See he came from those stones that were like flinting fire , he is going to end up in the stones that are in the Pit , like a corpse trodden under foot. Remember, we bruise his head; he bruises our heel because we are the body of Christ , trodden underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named.

It says here in verse 12, O Lucifer, you are fallen from heaven, you son of the morning! In Revelation 22:16 it says, I, Jesus have sent My angels to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. Where Lucifer was the son of the morning , Jesus is now the Bright and Morning Star. Not only did He take the job, but He did it much better , He is the Bright and Morning Star. Whereas the Lord says here in verse 19 that Lucifer is like an abominable branch. It says here that Jesus is the Root and the Offspring of David. He said, I am going to ascend above the height of the clouds. I am going to be above the stars of God. The stars representing the angels. That's what Lucifer said he was going to do. There were three archangels: Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel. Michael was the warring angel over one-third of the angels in heaven , one-third of the stars. He was the warring angel. All his angels were those who do battle for the people of God. He is still the warring angel and they still do battle on behalf of the people of God.

Then there is Gabriel. He is the one who shows up with the messages and say, "Mary you are going to have a child, conceived of the Holy Spirit."

She says, "Not so."

He says, "Yes, you are."

He's the one that shows up to Daniel and says, "O Daniel, you are spoken of highly up there in heaven where I stand in the presence of God."

He's the one that shows up in Joseph's dream because he's not a warring angel. He is a messenger angel. He brings messages. Those third of the angels that are under him bring

messages. They bring those things like the angel that came to Daniel and said, "It took me twenty-one days to get through here. I was sent as soon as you started praying, but I couldn't get through because the Prince of Persia hindered me, but Michael and his angels came and fought and I got through with the message."

Lucifer was over a third of the angels, also. They were the praise angels. The ones that praised the Lord at all times. They were designed specifically to do that. That doesn't mean that a warring angel can't praise or a messenger angel can't fight, but you can see those categories. They were put there for a reason. They were designed to do what they were designed to do. Lucifer was over those one-third of the angels that were designed and created to worship and praise. What did he want to do? He wanted to get over all the angels, not just the ones where God put him. He got puffed up because of his beauty. What was his beauty contingent upon? The light of God shining through it. What did he get puffed up with? The grace that God had given him. What do we have to guard after when we receive grace? Being puffed up with pride. You see when we humble ourselves we receive grace. God is not going to take back those giftings. But, if we get puffed up with pride we will be cast down.

There is a difference between humbling yourself and being humiliated. The devil is humiliated. He is under our feet. Praise the Lord! We are built to walk on him. God always gets what He wants, He desired those that would worship Him in spirit and truth. He earnestly desired. Jesus said that the day is coming and it is almost here when we will be able to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Ephesians 1:20, which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church... The thing that Satan wanted and couldn't get, God willingly gave to His Son! He put Him over all the angels and principalities. Guess who is in that category? Lucifer. He's under the Lord Jesus which makes him under us because we are the body of Christ. What he desired because of his pride, he got puffed up with the grace, the Son of God came and humbled Himself and received all that grace because of His humility. He was rich but He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. He was exalted because He became the most humble. He took the price and even those things that Lucifer was designed to do, Jesus is now filling and more so. Those things that Lucifer wanted to have Jesus took that job and did it better. He's the Bright and Morning Star! He's not over just a third of the angels, but He is over all of them. Praise God.

First Peter 3:22 says, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. Now I'm just sure that Gabriel and all his angels and Michael and all his angels didn't have to get forced, they are obedient. But there are some, you know when it says every knee is going to bow, I don't think that Lucifer is going to bow because he is convinced that he lost. He is going to bow because just like the kings of old when they were defeated and a foot was on his

neck holding him down, that is what is going to happen , the power of God will hold Lucifer down and he will bow down and he will confess Jesus as Lord right before he gets thrown into the frying pan and begins to crackle for all of eternity.

...they were made subject to the Lord Jesus. Ephesians 4:8, Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." He , Jesus , ascended up on high. Where did Lucifer want to be? He wanted to be on high. He wanted to be over all things that God had created. But, who is there? Jesus. Over all things , God put Him there. He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. The gifts are to be used to complete the work that Jesus came to do , which is to do and defeat and destroy all the works of the devil. It is a process that began when Adam was given dominion on the earth and told to subdue it. It is a process that will be completed. We have a part in that.

Colossians 2:15, Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. I like the King James because I like the word "spoil" because in the old days when you defeated enemies you would spoil them. Not only would you spoil their goods and take from that nation that you spoiled, but you would triumph and bring the king and the generals that you captured and you would make a show of them openly , a public display to humiliate them. The Roman soldiers would bring major generals and kings back to Rome and make them walk through the streets of Rome and then into the places where they had the fights. So they would make a public spectacle.

This is exactly what Jesus did to the devil and his hordes when He publicly humiliated them by defeating them on the cross. He made a public show of them openly. He disarmed them , took away their armament. Colossians 3:1 says, If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. We need to do that. We need to understand this battle going on down here is already won. From the Lord's perspective, who has called the end before the beginning , who sees the end before the beginning , the battle is over. Now, we are in it and we say well if the devil has been disarmed, he sure seems to have all the stuff. Adam gave the devil his driver's license. The devil drove on this earth for four thousand years. Jesus defeated him and took back his driver's license. Pulled him out of the car, threw him on the ground, and walked all over him. Now, he has been gone for almost two thousand years, in the meantime we have allowed the devil to get back in the driver's seat. He still doesn't have a license , that's why we have authority in Christ Jesus to yank him out because he legally has no right to be there anymore. But, by our conversations, our sins, by our words and our confession we have allowed him to get back into that driver's seat. He has no authority of his own, but the power he is using, he has stolen and taken. We have delivered it to him.

Now I understand that non-believers have rights as children of the earth , meaning sons of men , Jesus also was the Son of Man and the miracles He did predominately it says the Son of Man did those, not the Son of God. Even now, we have authority that the devil never had because we have authority as being made of the earth , authority on earth ,

dominion. The devil never took the dominion from Adam. He took some authority from Adam, but if he had all dominion he would have just gotten a rhinoceros to run over Adam and Eve. That would have been the end of the battle , it would have been a short Bible. But, he didn't get that. He caused them to sin. He took some authority. He used that authority well. When he was with the wilderness with Jesus and he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and he said, "All this I will give to you.." Right? Did he have it? Yes. Was it his? Yes. Did Jesus come to get it? Yes. But, did he say he had it all? Everything in the world , he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world , he showed Him the cosmos of the world , he showed Him all these various things and he tempted Him with those things. That was a temptation for Jesus because that is what He came to get. So, just like with you he tempted Jesus with his ministry. He tempted Him with the purpose of His own calling. He'll do that to you, too. If you feel like you are called to walk in an area and you feel like God is not speeding up the process good enough for you , the devil will tempt you. He'll say, "I'll get you working in that pastorate."

That is exactly what he offered to Jesus. Jesus said, "It is written... I'm not bowing down to you." But, I'm still saying to you, what he offered Him, he had, but he never had everything. If he had everything, then how did Moses do what he did? How did Noah do what he did? How did Enoch do what he did? You see he never had dominion , meaning all authority , he never had it. He never had authority in heaven because he was cast out of there for trying to get it. What he took, he took from the son of man , meaning Adam , the first son of man. And the woman, too , because it says that God delivered dominion to both of them.

The devil knows how to use the authority on earth. When Jesus took it back from him and took back all the rights and nailed it to His cross, the devil lost his license. But, he didn't lose his understanding of how to use what is supposed to be ours. So, he got back in the saddle after he got done reeling for a few years, he got back in the saddle and has been driving ever since. It is our job , we have the authority , we have permission from Jesus , to yank him out of the drivers seat, throw him under the tire and drive over him. We, because we are the body of Christ , the sons of God , we can continue making a public spectacle of him. Now, I'm not saying to diminish and pretend that he does not walk in power. He does. He has much more power than I do. I happen to have more authority than he does. The difference is that my authority can loose angels which are more powerful than him. So I'm not going to pretend that me in this little body couldn't be killed by the devil and his hordes. I could be. It is possible. The reason I don't believe it's going to happen is because I'm going to be as wise as a serpent, but harmless as a dove. I'm not going to speak evil against principalities and be unwise in my battling. I'm going to be wise in the things of God and so should you. I'm going to be humble, understanding of myself I can do nothing, but in Christ I can take authority over that evil serpent.

One thing to keep in mind, while I'm on this subject, remember it says that the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field , after they sinned and God came and spoke to

the serpent and said, "You're going to go on your belly all the days of your life and you're going to eat the dust of the ground." Literally the word translated serpent is literally the word "the shining one." He was the shining one. Lucifer was the shining one, he was reflecting. Here he was and now he is cast to the earth and it says he is going to eat of the dust of the ground all his days.

Look at a snake, the snake is on the ground, but it doesn't eat dirt. I never understood that. But when you back up a little bit, what was Adam's body made from? The dirt, the dust of the ground. His body, his flesh, was made of the dust of the ground. When he sinned, what became our enemy? Our spirit? No. Our body and our soul that is attached to that, the lusts of the flesh. Paul said that. He said, "Oh who will rid me of this miserable dead body." This is where all our trouble comes from. We are stuck in this body. If we could leave this body, we wouldn't have problems with sin or lust. What is it that Satan feeds off of in your life? Your body, your fleshly lust. It is the dust of the ground that you are made out of. That's where he lives. That's where he gets his authority from you. So, let's stop giving it to him. That's why holiness is so important. But, to walk in holiness without the Holy Spirit is just to become religious. You can't do it. But, that is why the Holy Spirit's first name is Holy. Because with Him, we walk in holiness, not in religious, but walk in holiness. With His power we can overpower the lusts of the flesh, but without it we are confused, we are miserable and the devil feeds on us. That's how he gets back in the driver's seat in our lives.

So, understand he is down there. He wants to feed on your flesh, but, crush his head. Walk always in holiness. Let the Lord Jesus cleanse us from all unrighteousness, which we have, let our sins be confessed to him so that the washing of the water of the Word will cleanse us daily. Then, walk on the devil's head. Step on it. Crush it. It is a prophecy. Praise God. Spoil him.

Seek those things which are above. Set your mind on things above and not on things of the earth. Matthew 28:18, And Jesus came and spoke to them saying... This was after He was raised from the dead. It was after the resurrection and He said, all authority has been given Me in heaven and on earth. Adam never had authority in heaven, only on earth. The devil tried to get the authority in heaven, he couldn't get it. He was cast down here so he stole authority from Adam, but only on earth. God never gave Adam dominion in heaven. He gave him dominion on earth. You'll notice, if you'll go through the first couple chapters of Genesis, you'll see, "And God brought the animals to Adam to see whatever he would name them." God brought the animals. So who has dominion at that part of Genesis? God does. God brought the animals. Adam named them.

Then it says, "It is not good for man to be alone." So He put Adam asleep and out of his side he took his helpmate, his wife. Together now Adam is a man and a woman. It says

now He gave dominion to them. Dominion was transferred after the woman was taken out of his side. So now they have dominion.

When it came to Noah, God didn't say, "Now God brought the animals to Noah." It says, "God told Noah, 'Bring the animals to the ark.'" Same word but there has been a change. Once God gives something, He never takes it back. He gave that dominion to Adam. Adam transferred authority to the devil. The devil never had all dominion, but he had the authority to work under that dominion. Then, as the world was more and more corrupted, God had to wipe everybody out but Noah and his family. Noah still walked in some of that authority, because he brought the animals in.

I'm not saying how he brought them in. If it was up to me and I had to bring all those animals in, I'd pray and let angels do it. But, the point is, Noah had the authority on earth, the dominion. The point is that Adam, as the son of man, made out of the dust of the earth, had the authority on earth. When Jesus came He had to have that body, that lineage through Mary of a man from the earth, as well as that perfect seed from heaven as the Man from heaven. Jesus is called the second Adam. He came to take back what Adam lost. He is never called the second Lucifer, because He wasn't sent for that. He did that anyway and did it one better. He's not even to be compared with that snake except as his captor and spoiler. Jesus came to take back all that Adam had lost. But, what happened? He lived His perfect life. He did it so well, He took back everything that Adam had lost and it says here that after He was raised from the dead, God gave Him all authority in earth and heaven. For the first time since God Almighty gave Adam and his wife [don't call her Eve because she didn't get that name until after the Fall] the dominion on earth. From that point on God didn't even have the dominion on heaven and earth. Now He is still sovereign, but you see once He gives, He doesn't take back so He works within that. That was the covenant He made and He works within that. You can see that. But now, what happened? After the resurrection you have something different.

Once again you have all authority in one place. You can coordinate that. Do you see how it is so important? You see that whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven, because now if we get in submission to the Lord Jesus that is coordinated. When we speak it, it happens because all authority on heaven and earth is in one place in Christ Jesus. The work gets done without confusion unless we let the devil come in and confuse us. That's where he gets in and receives his strength to continue working by confusing because he knows we are a terror to his kingdom when we understand these truths. Now, 1 Corinthians 13:1 says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels..." You see speaking in tongues can be the tongue of a man of a language of men and it can also be a tongue of angels. Which angels do you think? The ones that were cast out. The ones that were praisers. The ones that God waited to hear again. God was so patient. He wanted that worship. He is holy, He deserves that worship and when He cast Lucifer and a third of the angels from heaven down, He no longer had that worship that He had created for Himself. He waited patiently until He could have His Son come and live a perfect life, take back all authority

that Adam had given away, but also spoil the enemy and take back everything that Lucifer had, go back up into the heavenlies, clear out that sanctuary.

Have you ever heard about the fire in heaven , the baptism of fire , we're all going to receive the baptism of fire one day. Do you know what that means? It means all our bad works get burned away. All our good works last , gold, silver, precious stones will last. That's why Jesus said, "Come and buy of Me gold that has been tried in the fire." We are all going to have that judgment, but Jesus has already taken the flame-thrower to the sanctuary and cleared it out , cleaned it up , and He sits in there as High Priest , and now He gives those languages to men to praise our Father in heaven.

Our Father in heaven waited patiently to have, not servants now, but children that would bring that praise and worship in spirit and in truth back to Him who is the most worthy to be praised. He was patient, but now whenever you speak in tongues and bring words of praise and worship and magnify the Lord, what do you think that does to His heart? What do you think that does to our Father's heart? Don't underestimate that. Don't think of it as the smallest thing. He saved the best for last. This gets to God's heart and it melts it because we are His children and every time we praise Him is the words He has been waiting for four thousand years to hear again. We bring those words back to Him and it just opens His heart and He must just weep because now He is showing forth the obedience of Jesus and the accomplishments of Jesus, but we are also bringing those words of glory and we are showing our love as children. Even when we don't understand it, we still worship God in spirit because He deserves to be worshiped that way. Do we love Him enough to do it? Even when it surpasses our minds? We have to keep our thoughts on things above and not by our mind try to figure these things out. We should obey even when we don't understand because His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways and we will be rewarded then for going in obedience now even when we don't understand it.

The Bible says that Jesus learned obedience through His sufferings. Sometimes we need to push in to receive rewards later. Praise God! Isn't that great? It's wonderful! We have available to us secret weapons that we can use. When you speak in tongues you don't understand that language. But, who does? God and Lucifer because he use to speak those things and nothing drives Him more crazy than to hear the language he was given to speak and praise God Almighty. It must just terrorize him.

The Lord came to destroy the works of the devil. I just think He likes to torment him to get him ready for what is coming for eternity. He took everything that he had and gave it away. The Father gave to the Son even greater gifts than Lucifer ever wished he could have had.

When you speak in tongues, you don't understand. It says, "Unknown tongues." So some people think it means that it can't be the tongues of a man on earth because that's know

unknown. It means unknown to you. It may be known to somebody else on the earth. If it is the tongue of an angel, it is only known by angels. There is no one that could understand that with their understanding.

On the day of Pentecost when 120 spoke in tongues, the people that were there from all the different countries of the world were understanding what they were saying. Now the 120 didn't understand, but the others did. I've heard of situations where people actually were led of the Spirit to speak in tongues to a congregation in another nation and people were out there taking notes because it was in their language. Those things can happen by the will of God. We don't choose the language; we choose to speak, but He chooses the language. It can be tongues and of angels, but if it is of angels it is those languages that God waited , that He created for His own glory , that He waited for so long to hear again.

Now we don't want to miss out on bringing those things to our Father. He deserves them. He deserves them even if we don't understand them. So, as we walk with our eyes set above, not considering these things with our minds, but with our hearts, we've put ourselves in a position for more grace. In the Old Testament you'll see those great prophets and some of the great things they did, but generally the average believer didn't do those things. The average Judean didn't go out and lay hands on the sick. The average Judean didn't get revelation from heaven. The average Judean didn't even have the Holy Spirit upon them. But in our day and time we are supposed to be a nation of prophets, priests, and kings.

God has not just said, "Do it." We are the same kind of people they were in the Old Testament. There is a difference. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers us and we also have things to help us that were not given in the Old Testament. One of the things that tongues does is to help empower us. We are going to go into some of the things that tongues does in a minute and we are going to see some of the great things that tongues can do for you and why we should never underestimate it, but rather we should think of it as the best, the highest, and for many of us the open door to many other things because it will help strengthen us in the spirit and it will help us to receive the grace. You can see how it must just make God's heart tender towards us when we do it even though we don't understand, but we do it for Him and for Him alone. It has to just melt His heart toward His little baby children down here. I think it does.

We have been given gifts that weren't allowed or available in the Old Testament. Now you know why they weren't available, but they do help us to achieve things that were not available to the average child of Israel in the Old Testament.