

THE WAYS OF WARFARE: SPEAKING IN TONGUES



- THIS LESSON WILL ADDRESS THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND THE BLESSING THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US IN OUR PERSONAL PRAYER LANGUAGE TO GOD.
- AS WE GO FORTH TO DO BATTLE, YOU WILL FIND THAT EXERCISING THIS METHOD OF WARFARE WILL BE A KEY IN HELPING US TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY.
- OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE HOLY GHOST AND LET HIM TEACH YOU THE SUPERNATURAL WAYS OF GOD TO BUILD YOURSELF UP AND RECEIVE REVELATION FROM GOD.

HOW “NOT” TO APPROACH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- YOU CAN NOT APPROACH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM PURELY AN EMOTIONAL POSITION.
- WHILE EMOTION MAY WELL BE PART OF YOUR EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS A PART OF EXERCISING THE GIFTS THAT COME AS PART OF THE “PACKAGE” WHEN WE YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PRAY WITHOUT DEPENDING ON EMOTIONS.

- YOU CANNOT APPROACH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY MENTAL ASSENT. JUST “KNOWING” IS NOT ENOUGH. LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE “GOD KNOWLEDGE” WITHOUT AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- GOD DESIRES US TO KNOW HIM SPIRITUALLY AND TO BE IN SUCH A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM THAT WE ARE HEART INVOLVED INSTEAD OF HEAD INVOLVED.

THE BIBLE WAY TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO US THE SAME WAY THAT ALL THINGS COME TO US FROM GOD. BY FAITH.
RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AN ACT OF FAITH JUST LIKE BEING SAVED.
- RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE IS THE EXPRESSION OF GOD THAT ENDOWS US WITH THE GIFTS THAT CAN ONLY COME THROUGH HIM.

- JUST ASK GOD BY AN ACT OF FAITH BELIEVING WHAT HE PROMISED YOU, HE WILL GIVE.

¹² NOW WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SPIRIT [THAT BELONGS TO] THE WORLD, BUT THE [HOLY] SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, [GIVEN TO US] THAT WE MIGHT REALIZE *AND* COMPREHEND *AND* APPRECIATE THE GIFTS [OF DIVINE FAVOR AND BLESSING SO FREELY AND LAVISHLY] BESTOWED ON US BY GOD.

A COMMON MISCONCEPTION

- ONE COMMON MISCONCEPTION ADOPTED BY MANY IS THAT WHEN WE GET SAVED WE GET ALL OF GOD AT THAT MOMENT. BUT SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT IT IS REALLY A SECONDARY EXPERIENCE.

- ACTS 19:1-3,6
- 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul have passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
- 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

- 2 Corinthians 1 King James Version (KJV)
- ²² Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts
- 2 Corinthians 5 King James Version (KJV)
- ⁵ Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

- 1. We need to pray to build ourselves up spiritually
- 1 Cor. 14: 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.
- In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul encouraged them to continue the practice of speaking with other tongues in their worship of God and in their prayer lives as a means of spiritual edification. Greek language scholars tell us that we have a word in our modern vernacular which is closer to the meaning of the original than the word "edified."

- That word is "charge"—as used in connection with charging a battery. Therefore we could paraphrase this verse, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifies, charges, builds himself up like a battery." And this wonderful, supernatural means of spiritual edification—notice that it is not mental nor physical edification—is for every one of God's children.

- 2. Praying in tongues helps us pray in God's will
- Speaking in tongues keeps selfishness out of our prayers. A prayer out of one's own mind and thinking has the possibility of being unscriptural. It may be selfish. Many times we don't know just how to pray about something. Praying in the Spirit helps us know that we are praying the way that puts us in touch with God's will in a supernatural way.

- ROMANS 8:26-27
- 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- 3. Praying in Tongues Stimulates Faith
- Jude 20: 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.
- Praying in tongues stimulates faith and helps us learn to trust God more fully. If the Holy Spirit supernaturally directs the words I speak, faith must be exercised to speak with tongues. For I don't know what the next word will be—I am trusting God for it. And trusting God in one line will help me to trust Him in another.

- 4. Praying in Tongues Enables Us to Pray For the Unknown
- Praying in tongues provides a way to pray for things for which no one thinks to pray, or is even aware. We already know that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray for what we know not how to pray as we ought. But in addition, the Holy Spirit—who knows everything—can pray through us for things about which our natural minds know nothing. There have

- **10—Speaking in Tongues Brings the Tongue Under Subjection**
- JAMES 3:8
- 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- Yielding the tongue to the Holy Spirit to speak with other tongues is a giant step toward fully yielding all of our members to God. For if we can yield this most unruly member, we can yield any member. It is an act of our will as we choose to speak in tongues.

- **1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-13**
- AMPLIFIED BIBLE (AMP)
- **11** FOR WHAT PERSON PERCEIVES (KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS) WHAT PASSES THROUGH A MAN'S THOUGHTS EXCEPT THE MAN'S OWN SPIRIT WITHIN HIM? JUST SO NO ONE DISCERNS (COMES TO KNOW AND COMPREHEND) THE THOUGHTS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
- **12** NOW WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SPIRIT [THAT BELONGS TO] THE WORLD, BUT THE [HOLY] SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, [GIVEN TO US] THAT WE MIGHT REALIZE *AND* COMPREHEND *AND* APPRECIATE THE GIFTS [OF DIVINE FAVOR AND BLESSING SO FREELY AND LAVISHLY] BESTOWED ON US BY GOD.
- **13** AND WE ARE SETTING THESE TRUTHS FORTH IN WORDS NOT TAUGHT BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT TAUGHT BY THE [HOLY] SPIRIT, COMBINING *AND* INTERPRETING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS WITH SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE [TO THOSE WHO POSSESS THE HOLY SPIRIT].