

Praying in Tongues

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Dear Friend and Partner,

Praying in tongues (*known as praying in the spirit*), will get you through anything you are going through, as a believer. It's what God gave the church to keep ourselves built up spiritually. **But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jude 20**

Praying in the Holy Ghost is praying in tongues. It's the Holy Spirit giving you utterance, but you will have to do the speaking. The Holy Spirit does not pray in tongues, so if you don't, you will be limited in your prayer life. Praying in tongues will take the limits off your prayer life. The Holy Spirit prophesied through Isaiah and foretold about Jesus coming in Isaiah 53, and He also foretold about speaking in tongues in Isaiah 28:9-13: **Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

Once you become born again, the next step is to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in Luke 11:11-13: **If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

As a believer, if you ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit, you won't receive anything else; Jesus said you wouldn't. And the evidence that you've received the infilling of the Holy Spirit is that you will begin to speak in other tongues. **And 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 all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4**

There are benefits that you derive through putting protracted time in praying in tongues. If you pray in English, it's going to be coming from your head, and that's always limited. But praying in tongues is never limited. Your spiritman needs to be able to express himself, and praying in the spirit will accomplish this according to the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 14:2,4,14-18: **For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:**

We read in Isaiah that you get rested and refreshed by praying in tongues. Your spiritman becomes more confident in believing God and receiving from God by praying in tongues. Get so you can pray an hour in the spirit at one time. The plan of God will never become fully consummated in your life until you pray it through. Most Christians will live and die without ever growing spiritually. Usually the number one reason is that it wasn't that important to them. They take their spiritual life for granted. But you want to develop your spiritman, who is the real you. You are a spirit being. God is a spirit; Jesus said He was in John 4:24: **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

God created you in His image: **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26-28**

You will never cease to exist spiritually. When people's bodies die, they go back to the dust of the earth, but your spiritman will live/exist forever, just like God, and just like angels. When you become born again, you become a new creature in Christ Jesus. **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17** One translation says you become a new self. No one in the Old Testament or the gospels ever had that. No one under the Old Testament or the gospels was ever born again or ever received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as they did in the book of Acts.

In the Old Covenant, people were used by God, they were anointed by God, but they didn't have the spirit of God in them, as we read about in 1 John 4:4: **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

1 Corinthians 3:16: **Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

2 Corinthians 6:16: And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

All of our lives, we've made decisions based upon our feelings, emotions, and our minds, but when we become born again, we need to learn to walk by faith and not by sight, to walk in love, and to listen to our heart. This is where extended time in prayer is going to be so beneficial. We need our spiritman to be built up, and that is going to happen by putting quality time in God's Word. Work on reading your Bible every day for about an hour, and put most of your reading time in the epistle letters. You and I are going to do better by putting time in the Word every day and praying in the spirit.

I don't know about you, but any time I missed God, either I didn't do what the Word said to do, or I didn't follow what I had in my heart. The more time we put in God's Word and in praying in the spirit, the more helpful it's going to be to become much more effective spiritually. We need to train ourselves that whenever something happens, we ask ourselves, "What does the Word say about this?" And in making decisions in life, we ask, "What does God want me to do?"

God is always going to want us to do the Word (James 1:22). We never pray about doing the Word; we just do it, because praying will never change what God says in His Word. The Word is going to read the same way after you pray about it as before you prayed about it; it will never change. But when it comes to switching banks, or where we should spend our vacation, or making changes in our life like switching jobs, etc., these are situations you want to pray about.

Praying in tongues is going to help you pray for the unknown. 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. 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. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26-28

For me, personally, this scripture is one of the greatest benefits I ever got from praying in tongues. Situations have arisen where I didn't know exactly what to do; I needed God to help me out, so I'd read these verses and I'd say, "Lord, I'm going to put time in praying in the spirit, and whatever needs to be prayed about, I thank You the Holy Spirit is going to help me." Any problem you've got on your job, whether it's harassment, people problems, or anything that is causing you trouble and bothering you, you first want to take authority over it in Jesus' Name. Use scriptures like:

Isaiah 54:17, No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Matthew 11:12, And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 12:29, Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

Matthew 16:19, And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18, Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Luke 10:19: Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

After taking authority over the problem, in Jesus' Name, read Romans 8:26-28 and spend time every day praying in tongues. This isn't five or ten minutes praying in tongues; this is some serious time. If your job and blessings are valuable and mean something to you, you don't want to lose them. And you will, if you don't keep yourself built up spiritually.

As a born again Christian, you are powerless against Satan using carnal weapons and operating in the flesh. If you want everything to turn around for your good, you'd better put a lot of time praying in tongues. You're no match for Satan in the flesh. He'll take your job, your house, and your promotion, if you become spiritually weak. An indication that you're becoming spiritually weak is that nothing is working out for your good. Problems are not leaving, but instead, they're getting worse. I've known some Christians for years, and their life is still a mess, just as it was years ago. It was like they were clueless as to why all this was going on.

I want to encourage you to start a life of praying in the spirit every day. You're going to be glad that you did. Many dear Christians have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and can speak in tongues, but they are not taking advantage of the gift that God have them. So, they are no different from the people who have not been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Pray in tongues until you know in your spirit that you've got peace in your heart about the situation you're confronted with.

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