



The Blessing of Speaking With Tongues

The Holy Spirit Helps Us Understanding God's Word

"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.

For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people... To whom He said, "This is the rest with which you cause the weary to rest... Yet they would not hear." (Isaiah 28:9-12)

1. Isaiah prophesied three signs of Jerusalem destruction:
 - a. Virgin birth.
 - b. Jesus' death on the cross.
 - c. The coming of the Holy Spirit and other tongues.
2. This would be a new ministry of the Holy Spirit for every believer, ministering in tongues.
3. When we pray with tongues, our mediation brings revelation (John 14:26).
 - a. When we ask for guidance and receive scripture, it is the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The main area the Holy Spirit teaches us is the word.
4. The main way we will always be led is through the word of God (John 16:13).
 - a. He is called "The Spirit of Truth."
 - b. His main job is to exalt the Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).
 - c. The word "comes alive" when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Depth of revelation from the word is given to us by the Spirit.

The Spirit Brings Refreshment To Us As We Pray in Tongues

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19)

1. Weariness is a hazard for all believers. We are commanded not to yield to it.

2. The Holy Spirit has been given to help us out of weariness (Hebrews 12:3).
3. When you pray in tongues, you cannot help but put your mind on Jesus.
4. A person who prays in tongues a lot is not easily discouraged (Galatians 6:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:13).
5. Praying in tongues and being guided by the Holy Spirit brings maturity (Romans 8:14).

Praying With Tongues Gives Us Sensitivity to the Spirit's Guidance

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself..." (1 Corinthians 14:4)

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit..."
(Jude 20)

1. The Holy Spirit does not always lead by signs, wonders, or a loud voice.
2. The guidance of the Spirit is a "still small voice."
3. The Spirit's voice is one of many in this world which we have to discern (1 Corinthians 14:10).
4. Praying in tongues helps us to hear what we could not hear and what others cannot hear.

We Speak to God

"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." (1 Corinthians 14:2).