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The Supernatural Nine Gifts Of The Holy Spirit (I Cor.12: 7) Minister R. Thomas Lambur

Introduction

The Witness Of Christ In The Midst Of The Church By The Holy Spirit

I Cor.14:25 b “*he will worship and report that God is in you of a truth.*”

Eph. 2:22 “*In whom ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*”

When God pours out His Spirit on people, the gifts are the ways in which the Spirit manifests His presence.

One of the attributes of the person of the Holy Spirit is the capability to bestow divine and spiritual gifts upon the Church. These mighty enablements are free. They are gifts. They become more abundant through the operation of faith. God comes to us in these forms represented by these gifts. The nine gifts of the Spirit represent Christ to the body (the Church) and to the world. As they operate in function we see Christ in His fullness through the Holy Spirit. The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are the supernatural credentials of God in our midst. Therefore when gifts are operating in the body of Christ it is normative to the life of the Church.

“WE WOULD SEE JESUS!”

Lesson One

Supernatural Enablements And Their Functions (I Cor. 12: 7)

The nine gifts of the Spirit can be divided into three categories.

- 1) Revelation Gifts
- 2) Gifts Of Power
- 3) Gifts Of Inspiration

Definitions Of Nine Gifts

“The manifestation of the Spirit” (I Cor.12:7).

Definitions

Revelation Gifts – a: God reveals something from heaven to man b: this revelation is something man cannot know any other way

Word Of Wisdom – a: “the” not “a” word. b: revealing the prophetic future under God’s anointing c: the solution or the will of God in the situation d: the God-endowed faculty of wisdom from above imparted e: from the Spirit speaking within (not man’s soul powers or natural wisdom according to James 1:5)

Word Of Knowledge – a: revealing of a fact currently in existence b: this fact cannot be seen or heard naturally c: it is knowledge supernaturally revealed by God d: information which is divinely known

Discerning Of Spirits – a: the comprehension of the human spirit as supernaturally revealed by the Holy Spirit b: spiritual awareness of the spirit world surrounding us c: its purpose is to protect, guard, guide and properly feed the flock of God (no church can long endure without this gift)

Definitions

Gifts Of Power – a: God works something from heaven to man

Gift Of Miracles – a: occurrence happens when, or through the human instrument, a person supernaturally does something by divine energy (*dunamis*) of the Holy Spirit b: the purposes of the gift of miracles is for deliverance and preservation c: “Jesus was moved with compassion” (Mk.1:41) d: the manifestation of miracles produces two affects: a: edification and building up of faith, b: “awe” the worship of God and a healthy fear of God

Gift Of Faith – a: occurrence when God brings a supernatural thing to pass without human effort b: not the same as general subject on faith c: this type faith goes beyond, where one just knows that a particular thing is the will of God and is going to happen d: the manifestation is the results of God making Himself visible or evident by His own activity

This gift involves two general levels: 1) faith to function in individual ministries as is mentioned in Romans 12:3-8 and 2) faith for specific miracles or acts which God would perform in given circumstances (I Cor.12:9)

Gift(s) of Healing(s) – a: healing occurs when God supernaturally heals the sick b: this is a plural gift (I Cor.12:9;12:28;12:30) c: this gift operates of more than one level, and also deals with the different kinds of healing and underlying attitudes which must be dealt with before the body will respond d: there are more than one method to obtain healing in the Bible e: the categories of the gift(s) of healing(s) cover the full spectrum of human suffering f: there are 39 different areas of sickness, such as congenital and organic ailments, sickness caused by neglect of the body, viruses, etc. g: “with His (39) stripes we are healed” (Isa.53:5) h: the purpose of this gift is to totally heal the body, soul and spirit i: we can receive healing because of the atonement of Jesus provided at the cross
I Jn. 3:8 – “For this purpose the son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Two Manifestations Of Healing

Instantaneous (Miraculous) – (Majority of cases) Matt 8:3; Mk. 1:31;

Gradual – Jas.5:14-16; III Jn.2; Isa.1:5;Jer.8:22;Mk.2:17;Ps.41:4;Isa.53:5; Lk.4:18; Mk.8:22-25;Jn.14:12

Definitions

Gifts Of Inspiration – God speaks something from heaven to man.

Gift of Prophecy – a: occurrence when an anointed person speaks words of edification, exhortation or comfort to the Church b: this speech comes supernaturally without human forethought c: this gift is regulated to no more than three prophecies allowed in a single meeting (I Cor.14:29) of which the elders judge d: this gift is a mouthpiece to “speak forth” - verbalize the mind and counsel of God to the Church e: Acts 2:11 – *“Thus saith the Holy Ghost..”*; I Tim.4:1- *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly..”*; Lk.1:67 - *“Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying...”* f: prophecy is both forth telling and foretelling g: valid today – confirmed by Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:16-18 h: prophesy is not affected until the second coming of Christ (I Cor.13:9-10) h: prophecy according to the proportion of faith (Rom.12:3-6) i: *“So I prophesied as I was commanded...”* (Ezek.37:1-10) j: *“Quench not the Spirit and despise not prophesyings”* (I Thess.5:19-20) k: *The purpose of this gift is to bring supernatural direction, and directives from the head of the church to His body* (No church can long endure without this gift)

There are three spirits potentially involved in prophecy:

- 1) the human spirit (Jerem. 23:16; Ezek. 13:3)
- 2) the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:3; 7-10; I Tim. 4:1)
- 3) evil spirits (I Tim. 4:1-2; II Tim. 2:25-26; Eph. 2:1-3)

Every believer who has the Spirit within Him – The actual ability to discern error will vary according to levels of maturity and experience (I Jn.2:27; I Cor.2:15; I Thess.5:21; Jn. 10:27). The Lord has given His sheep an uncanny ability to recognize His voice. That inner witness of His Spirit is a comfort to us all.

The elders of the local assemble judge (Heb.13:17; II Tim. 4:1-3; I Tim. 5:17; Eph. 4:11-16).

Those with the gift of discernment (I Cor. 12:3, 10).

Prophets (I Cor. 14:29).

Note: The New Testament prophets ministered in plurality for the propose of confirming each other’s messages (Acts 11:27; 13:1; I Cor. 14:29).

Prophecy must be *in agreement with the Word of God and the Spirit of God.*

Not only will the prophecy agree with the letter (the Word of God), but also with the spirit of the Word. This will be witnessed *by the knowledge of the Word, Christian doctrine, and the inner witness of the Holy Spirit* in both the under-shepherd and the flock (I Jn.2:27; I Cor. 2:15).

Gift Of Speaking In Tongues (public proclaiming or prophetic tongue)

The Bible clearly reveals three general categories of speaking in tongues:

- 1) Tongues spoken at the time the Spirit is received (Acts 2: 4-6; 10: 45-47; 19: 6). (Baptism in the Holy Spirit)
- 2) Tongues for personal communion with God on a continual basis (I Cor.14: 1-4,15; Jude 20; Rom.8: 26-27; Eph.6: 18). To all believers is given the devotional prayer language of tongues.
- 3) Tongues given in the assembly to communicate to the body and be a sign to the unbeliever (I Cor.12: 10; 14: 5, 21-22). In the Church an individual is given a public prophetic tongue. Tongues originate with the Holy Spirit. It is also an angelic (glossalalia) language (I Cor.13: 1). The publicly ministry of proclaiming a message from God is not understood by the person giving it. The gift of tongues (language) is a supernatural (miraculous) manifestation or expression of the Holy Spirit through persons speech organs.

Gift Of The Interpretation Of Tongues – a: occurrence when a message given in another language (the unknown tongue) is interpreted supernaturally by the Spirit b: the interpretation does not actively involve the human mental facilities

Examples And Illustrations Of The Nine Gifts (I Cor.12:7)

This represents only some below.

Word Of Wisdom Ref. – II Pet.3:15; Acts 16:6-8;20:22-24; I Kgs.3:16-28; II Sam.12:1-14; Acts 8:20-23; 23:6-10; (Jesus' example Matt.13:54; Lk.4:3-14; 7:22; Jn.4:9-26; Matt.22:21-22)

Word Of Knowledge Ref. – Acts 13:11; I Sam.10:1-24; II Kgs.5:20-27; II Kgs 5:20-27; I Kgs 14:2-6; Acts 5:1-10; I Sam.3:11-14; II Kgs 8:7-12; Dan. 2:19-45; (Jesus' example Jn.11:11-14; 4:17-18; 13:38; 6:61; Lk.6:8; 5:22; 7:36-50;13:16; Matt.16:16) Acts 20:29-31; 27:10-24; 27:10-24; 18:9-10

Discerning Of Spirits – Acts 8:21-23; 13:9-10; 16:6-18; 5:3; 8:21-23; 13:9-10; I Kgs.22:23; II Kgs.6:16-17; I Jn.4:1-2-3; Acts 20:28-30; (Jesus' example Matt.9:4; 16:23; Mk.5:5-13; Matt.16:15-17)

The many different conditions discerned of the human spirit – Prov. 11:13; 14:29; 15:13; 16:18; 16:19; 29:23; 17:27; 25:28

Prophetic Tongues – I Cor.14:1; I Cor.13:9; I Thess. 5:21; I Cor.14:29;

Interpretation – I Cor.14:13

Prophecy – I Cor. 14:6

Gift Of Faith – Rom.15:18-21;Mk.11:22-24;

(Jesus' example Matt. 8:1-3)

Gifts Of Healing – Acts 14:8-10; I Cor.12:9; 12:28; 12:30; Matt.10:1; Mk.16:17-18; Acts19:11-12; Jas.5:14-15; I Cor.11:27-34; Mk.16:16-19; Matt.19:13-15; Acts 5:15-16; Matt.20:34; Mk.1:41; Lk.7:12-14;

(Jesus' example Lk. 7:1-10; Mk.6:56)

Miracles – Acts 20:9-12

The believer will at least have one gift (I Cor.12:7).

We are not to neglect the gifts (I Tim.4:14; II Tim.1:6-7).

The gifts are not recalled (Rom.11:29; Prov.18:16; 17:8). (permanent gifts and callings)

Lesson Two

The Diversity Of Tongues (I Cor.12:6; 12:28)

I Cor.12:6; 12:28 “*And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*”

“... *diversities of tongues.*” There is more than one function to the gift of tongues.

The Devotional Language (Our Prayer Life)

I Cor.14:18 – “*I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all..*”

This verse is showing tongues as primarily a devotional gift to be used in their prayer life and in the praise and worship of God. All tongues are in essence the same, but in the purpose and use they are different. There are only

a few of those who are called upon to deliver a public prophetic message in tongues. Hence Paul asks, "...do all speak with tongues?" (I Cor.12:30). The answer is obviously no. Some take vs. 30 out of context, which Paul obviously has linked here to tongues interpretation.

Intercession

Rom.8:26-27 – "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be (humanly) uttered. And he that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*"

Jude 20 – "*But ye, beloved, building up (edify) yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost...*"
The verses you have read explain about praying in tongues.

The Holy Spirit quickens us to speak in tongues as I yield to God in prayer.(reverence)

It is proper to say that the Spirit is speaking through us to God. (Interceding to God on our behalf)

The Spirit is the source of our motivation, yet I must obey and cooperate without expecting Him to overwhelm or overpower me. I do it while I am still fully conscious and have voluntary possession of senses.

The groaning of the Spirit are the deep intercessions and the utterances of tongues that are made while we are praying to God. Our prayer affect our faith, therefore we are to build ourselves up by praying in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Tongues – This is the ability to pray in a language to God (I Cor.14:14,15) and built up one's self (Jude 20)

It is a devotional gift to personally pray to continually to God.

The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in an unknown tongue the perfect will of God (Rom.8:26)

We are praying mysteries "...in the Spirit he speaks mysteries."(I Cor.14:2)

Prayer Tongues - Differing from *public prophetic tongues*.

Prayer Tongues are the initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Tongues a sign to the unbeliever (I Cor.14:22).

Spiritual Maturity (By Devotional Prayer Tongues)

From I Corinthians 12:28b – Starting with the "diversities of tongues" through to the end of I Corinthians 13:3 we are given a list showing the progression of maturity. There are listed six areas of which our praying in tongues brings us to their spiritual operations and levels of maturity. After receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and entering the gift of prayer tongues:

- 1) We have unlimited accessibility to tongues and develop sensitivity toward God.
- 2) We move then into the ability of the gift of prophecy.
- 3) We begin to understand the divine secrets and mysteries of God.
- 4) We move into understanding and accumulation of knowledge.
- 5) We are built up in mountain-moving faith.
- 6) We become living sacrifices, and move into having a capacity for the agape love of God.

This verse isn't discrediting tongues for the sake of love. In essence it is saying this: Even though I am baptized in the Holy Spirit and have the ability to speak with other tongues (the angelic language of heaven), it will do me no good unless I begin to employ that gift to build myself up "*on my most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost and keeping myself in the love of God*" (Jude 20).

The Purging Work Of The Spirit (By Devotional Prayer Tongues)

We can allow the Holy Spirit to purge areas of our lives by prayer tongues. When we pray in tongues we develop the sensitivity toward God that it takes for Him to work with us. The quest for spirituality from carnality involves a purging process in which the vessel is prepared to be a vessel of honor.

II Tim.2:21 – "*(If) a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*"

Abiding takes communion with God which comes also from praying in tongues.

Jn.15:2 – "*Every branch in me ...he purgeth it...*"

The ability of the Holy Spirit is available to purge out anything in our lives that is not pleasing to God.

12 Reasons Why Men Are Without The Gifts

- 1) Because of ignorance of them.
- 2) Because of unbelief in them.
- 3) Because they are ashamed of them.
- 4) Because they do not seek and hunger for them.

- 5) Because they do not want them.
- 6) Because they do not realize their importance.
- 7) Because they are not yielded to God.
- 8) Because they have grieved the Spirit.
- 9) Because of the many excuses of unbelief.
- 10) Because they think they have them.
- 11) Because they have not faith.
- 12) Because they are afraid of them.

I Cor.13:1 The Balance – Coinciding Gifts And Fruits

The nine spiritual gifts are dovetailed (united) with the nine fruits of the Spirit.

The spiritual gift are operative by the fruits of the Spirit.

I Cor.13:1 “ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, ...and have not love ...

(Gal.5:22-23 Nine Fruits of the Spirit love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The character of Christ.) Without these fruits the spiritual gifts could be abusive.

Remember it is the witness of Christ being represented through the spiritual gifts and fruits.

One may have a spiritual gift, yet lack in the fruits of the Spirit. At this point the witness of Christ’ gifts of the Spirit can be skeptically looked at because of a lack of fruit. While the gift may have come out, a lack of fruit causes the operation to be disregarded or to be call false. The spiritual gifts are purposed to be in a joint fellowship, with its corresponding fruit. Gifts and fruits coincide. The balance together produces the right witness of Christ to others. “Without Fruit We Are Nothing!” “We Must Be Impelled By Love And Compassion!”

The Total Concept (Our One Spiritual Directive Of Building Up The Body Of Christ)

We can draw from the following passages that the body of Christ (the Church) is to be *extremely prophetic!*

I Cor.14:1 spiritual gifts

Vs. 2 tongues are speaking unto God

Vs. 3 prophecy is to men (whether prophesying or Prophetic Tongues & Interpretation)

Vs. 4a prayer tongues edify the person

4b prophecy edifies the Church

The people of God are the Church.

Vs. 5 Paul wants all to be able to speak in tongues, but the goal is to prophesy.

Paul speaks himself in tongues more than all (I Cor.14:18).

Paul says to forbid not to speak in tongues (I Cor.14:39).

The Building Block For Spiritual Gifts (Devotional Prayer Tongues)

I Cor.14:5a – “I would that ye all speak in tongues in order that ye may prophesy.”

Here we see that prayer tongues are the building block to being used in the spiritual gifts.

Out of a believers prayer tongues comes the sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. The revealed mind of God

(Vs.2 mysteries or counsel of God) is made known. It is by that same sensitivity to the counsel of God Spirit that we receive the public prophetic tongue or prophecy to the Church.

I Cor.2:11-12; 16 “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Jn.16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth , is come, he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come “ (the Holy Spirit foretelling).

Jn.16:15b ...”and shall shew it unto you” (the mind of the Spirit).

Vs.6 Out of prayer tongues comes revelation, divine knowledge, and doctrine.

Cross-reference with I Cor.14:26b “...hath a psalm (spiritual song) , hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.”

Out of prayer tongues comes the prophetic tongue, and prophecy.

Edification (the building up) of the body of Christ is our goal. Yet in order to do that we ourselves must be edified (built up). It is when we are edified that all the nine gifts of the spirit are accessed. Therefore we need to press in, yielding ourselves to be used of God.

Vs.7 The total concept is one spiritual directive; to excel to edify the Church (the people of God).

These gifts were given for the purpose of building up the body of Christ. Eph.4:16 “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Lesson Three

A Future Dispensation Of Tongues (and other gifts)

II Cor.12:4 – “*How that he was catch up into paradise (heaven), and heard unspeakable (sacred and secret) words so secret which human lips cannot translate into human speech.*”

Thus is the state of the future dispensation, and the spiritual energies and powers of the world to come (Heb.6:5), the world or ages to come of which the supernatural is the norm.

Paul says it was these revelations that caused him to be persecuted and spiritually attacked of Satan’s messenger (I Cor.12:6). Peter make comments; “*As also in all his (Paul’s) epistles, speaking in them of things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.*” (II Pet.3:16).

I Cor.2:9-10 – “*...Eyes hath not heard, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.*”

When we talk about going into the future dispensations with the gifts we can draw on some Scriptural passages for insight.

For instance:

Many passages could be taken from Jesus’ operation in the work of knowledge *reading others thoughts* by the Holy Spirit. (Matt.9:4; 12:25; Lk.2:35; 5:22; 6:8; 11:17; 24:38) In these passages Jesus read the thoughts of men by the ability of the Holy Spirit. In a future dispensation (in the millennium, and in heaven) we will look forward to the word of knowledge and other gifts functioning in a greater fullness. As wild as it may seem it will be possible to read the thoughts and communicate by thought processes. Many who have had life after death experiences have reported this fact experiencing standing before God’s throne in heaven. par. - “*we shall know even as we are known.*”

There Is A Greater Fullness Coming

According to I Cor.13:8-12 NEB – “Are there prophets? their work will be over. Is there tongues of ecstasy? they will cease. Is there knowledge? it will vanish away; for our knowledge and our prophecy alike are partial, and the partial vanishes when the fullness comes. When I was a child, my speech, my outlook, and my thoughts were all childish things. Now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we shall see face to face. (fullness) My knowledge now is partial; then it will be whole, like God’s knowledge of me.”

- 1) Notice “partial” in this paragraph becomes the fullness.
- 2) Notice here “we are not losing tongues, knowledge, etc..., we are only gaining the fullness.”
- 3) Notice Paul gives us further understanding that this whole verse is talking about maturity into the fullness of our calling and stature. Every man has been given the measure of faith in this dispensation (the Spirit by measure) (Rom.12:3)

Yet when the fullness comes we will be like Jesus. Jn.3:34 – “*...for God giveth not the Spirit by measure to him.*” Eph.4:13 – “*...unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*”

“*For when we see him we will be as he is.*” Therefore there is coming a fullness of the Spirit likewise.

We shall be fully possessed of the Spirit.

Now let us back up to the top and reference this passage with the subject matter about tongues.

I Cor.13:1a “*Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels...*”

- 4) (If we are to follow the wrong theological ideas that tongues shall cease in heaven we will be contradicting this verse which states plainly that the angelic host speak in a glossalalia language. The wrong ideas of some think that Paul is only speaking hypothetically here in this verse. We can see that in the (glossalalia) utterance of tongues speaking there can be the language of men (Acts 2:6-8). Now if we compare the verse “with the tongues of men” we have a match, so we can go on to match the next part of the verse concluding that the tongues speaking has its utterance in an angelic language as well. Further drawing on the verse we see that since tongues comes from the Holy Ghost, and the angelic host speak the language we understand that all heaven must function upon this language. Therefore in the verse that tongues will cease (I Cor.13:8-

12) we can understand that there will be a change at the second coming of Christ, but nowhere in the verse says that tongues will cease in the sense of in heaven, else it would contradict Paul's statement in verse 1 of I Corinthians 13.

- 5) It could also be compared that knowledge and tongues shall never be done away with, only in the sense that at the second coming they will be swallowed up into the fullness of knowledge and tongues in heaven. Instead of operating in partials, as the Scripture says, we will be operating in the greater fullness of knowledge and tongues. The language of glossalalia is normative of heaven, normative of the Holy Spirit.
- 6) We can also compare the verse in Romans 8:26-27 about the Spirit and His intercession with groanings which cannot (humanly) be uttered. Those motivations and expressions come from the Holy Spirit speaking through us.

Reference To The Future Dispensation

- 7) When it comes then to that which is partial it will be swallowed up in the fullness thereof. Following this trend of thinking we can also cross-reference this to Hebrews 6:5 which speaks of the spiritual emerging age to come and the powers.
Heb.6:4-5 – “...tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers (sharers) of the Holy Spirit, and having tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...” In the world to come (the power and the glory “spiritual energies” of the future ages) Philips Trans. – “the spiritual resources of the eternal world.” This reference is speaking of what we can expect about the heavenly gift the Holy Spirit, and His role in the world to come. (a future world, the millennium, and in heaven) A good point here is to reference that this is a heavenly gift first and last. Therefore it is from heaven! This heavenly gift is assigned here to a earthly dispensational mission for a time. Yet in the world to come a plan text which notes the future emerging age and the fullness thereof (the power and the glory “spiritual energies” of the future ages), it speaks of having a role to play there. It is a future power in that dispensation also according to the Scriptures.
- 8) Notice where tongues comes from. Tongues is the heavenly language and utterance of the Holy Spirit. To say that the language of tongues shall cease in heaven could not be accurate because the Holy Spirit's language fills the heaven. Only in this earthly dispensational role and mission shall tongue cease. The Holy Spirit is God according to the scriptures. Can we say that God speaks in tongues? Surely the motivations and the expressions of tongues through us are from Him (the Holy Spirit is God). We see the angelic host recorded (I Cor.13:1) to speak in this language, would it be sound to conclude that God speaks in this language as well as the host? If the angels harken to this language and communicate back and forth to each other shall that cease? No! Shall we one day speak with God in heaven by the heavenly language? Yes! Does the Godhead speak in tongues? Yes!
- 9) We conclude that the utterance of tongues that are assigned in their earthly dispensational mission or role shall at the second coming be changed into the common everyday language of heaven. That tongues like knowledge will be expanded into its fullness, and its assignment shall then reflect its heavenly one for us. Knowledge shall never cease! We can use the same logic when it comes to tongues. At the next dispensation the role of our speaking will be fully dominated by the utterance of God's Spirit, for we will be completely and utterly possessed of Him there. The importance of speaking in tongues in this earthly dispensational role is for us to utter the commands of heaven through our prayers here on earth. It is in reality the intercession of Christ praying for us through the Holy Spirit. When we pray in tongues we are actually allowing Christ to pray through us. Christ makes intercession through the motivations and expressions of the Holy Spirit through us. The model we have is that heaven functions on this language and Jesus desires that earth shall conform to the heavenly realm. “On earth as it is in heaven” Lk.11 By praying in tongues we actually bring heaven into the earth, God's kingdom, God's will, God's dominion. The spiritual realm always dominates the natural realm of earth, whether by heaven or by the demonic strata (Eph.6).
- 10) It has been reported that a well-known minister spoke of a visitation he once had from Jesus Himself. Witnesses say that the well-known minister just seemed to be looking at something they couldn't see, speaking in an unknown language. He seemed to be having a conversation with someone, because he would speak in tongues for a moment and then stop to listen as if someone was answering him. Later those in attendance at that meeting found out that the well known minister had a vision in which Jesus stood there and talked to him. The minister would hear the unknown language Jesus spoke as English in his own mind, and then he would answer back to Jesus in tongues. The two were holding a conversation in the language of heaven.

To The Skeptic

- 11) When we see some of our evangelical brothers views in other denomination who long for tongues to be over (cease), and lessen the importance of the gifts, they will have a great surprise coming to them. What a contradiction to say that something from heaven, by the Holy Spirit, and functioning in heaven at this time shall cease. Yet the interpretations of these verses in their commentaries are vague and over fulfill the Scripture that they see through a glass darkly_ (I Cor.13:12), because of blinding prejudice, conspiracy and spiritual basis against the supernatural that dates back to the late 1700-1800's (See Jack Deere documentations). "*Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.*" (Matt.22:29) It is their acceptance of the verse and their use of it *against the gift, labeling it the lesser of gifts, not important,* or that it has *already ceased,* and their cast of doubt upon the other Scripture passages that see as incomplete and hold them suspect in their motives as how they can ignore plain Scriptures and avoid or deign the validity of the gifts of God's Spirit. "*God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.*" (Heb.2:4). They that disdain the heavenly gifts are on the heavenly record with God, who will have their explanations to give to Him at His white thrown judgment!
- Responding to those who seem to think gifts have passed away, look up the references I Cor.13:12 "*face to face*" with I Jn.3:2 "...*when he shall appears we shall be like him..*" for the (Gk. teleios, Gk. -perfect) fullness (completeness) has not come yet!
- How we pray for them to turn from their errors and false views about the heavenly gifts, and become equipped for the service of God by His power.

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