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Part 21 – Rest and Refreshing in the Holy Spirit

Prophecy foretold regarding speaking in tongues 800 years before Pentecost by the prophet Isaiah. It says in **Isaiah 28:11-12**; *“For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, “This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest,” and, “This is the refreshing”; yet they would not hear.”*

I'd like to encourage you today that if you truly want refreshing and rest in your heart and spirit, you need to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. As we study today it will be clear to you that true, Godly, pure and holy rest refreshing only come through the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Or to say it another way, if you don't have rest and you can't find refreshing for your soul in this world, you need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Notice how it says in **verse 12** that they would not hear what the Lord was speaking to them. For even on the day of Pentecost there were those who heard and interpreted what was being said, but there were also those who didn't hear what the Lord was saying and said they were out of their minds and drunk. There were two groups of people when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost; those who heard and received and those who didn't hear and said they were out of their minds and drunk.

Chapters 24-28 in the book of Isaiah are called the 'Little Apocalypse', foretelling the end of the events of the world – the anti-Christ, tribulation etc. - and how God sends a great blessing of rest and refreshing on his people by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the speaking in tongues. So for over 2000 years now, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit has been available for ALL to receive. Have you believed and received?

Do you want rest and refreshing in your life? Then be baptized in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.

Isaiah 28:12-13 continues; *“To whom He said, “This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest,” and, “This is the refreshing”; yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little,” that they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught.*

When Isaiah says; *“Line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little,”* it gives reference to monosyllable words, imitating a child's babblings or in today's words we could use blah, blah, blah. Or you could also use the imagery of someone putting their fingers in their ears and mocking what is being spoken. It was mockery towards the speaking in other tongues that the Holy Spirit was to send and the rest and refreshing that it would bring to those who believed and received. These to whom he is prophesying about, would not hear, had no mind to hear, they turned a deaf ear to letting it go in one ear and out the other. Remember, the prophet Isaiah is speaking about prophetic events that were going to happen in the end times.

But they refused to hear what Isaiah was saying in tongues to them, and as a result it says; *“That they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught.”* Do you know why God ordained the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in these last days that Isaiah prophesied about and was instituted at the beginning of the church age? So that Christians wouldn't backslide. Who backslid before they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? All of the disciples at the crucifixion! Peter even publicly denied Jesus three times. When persecution set in, they all fled. But when they received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, nothing could stop them.

Don't harden your heart today by rejecting the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and His time of rest and refreshing in your life with the evidence of speaking in tongues. For it's pretty evident that those who do reject and mock it

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end up backslidden, broken and snared by the devil. You might be born again but don't have the power to overcome the devil.

The New Testament Scriptures speak of Isaiah's prophecy and Paul speaks clearly how this foretold the gift of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues given to the New Testament church. We read it in **1 Corinthians 14:20-25**; *"Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."*

We can see how important interpreting tongues is for the unbeliever to come to know the Lord. It is a witness to them and they see something supernatural but it's when the interpretation comes then they understand and repent.

Part of the Great commission of Jesus states that believers should and will speak in tongues. We read it in **Mark 16:15-17**; *"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;"*

Jesus said to his disciples in **Luke 24:49**; *"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."* This is a gift to you from your heavenly Father! It's not to be mocked or scorned.

All of the disciples in the upper room received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. **Acts 2:1-4** says; *"When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

The supernatural occurrence here for the unbeliever is that those from every tribe visiting the city of Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost, were hearing in their own language the word of God. As a result, after Peter preached to them, 3000 believers were added to the Church.

Peter preached the Gospel to a Gentile believers' home and they are filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. We read about it in **Acts 10:44-46**; *"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."*

It's very simple to see that if you're not speaking with tongues, you're not baptized in the Holy Spirit. We can see clearly that both Gentile and Jewish believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

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Paul the Apostle had a life that was an example for all believers where he boldly says in **1 Corinthians 14:18**; *“I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;”* He knew the rest and refreshing it brought to him; spirit, soul and body. He wasn’t ashamed of it but boldly declared it.

25 years after the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Paul is still preaching to believers who did not know about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was the power and essence of his ministry. We read in **Acts 19:1-6**; *“And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”*

It is so clear here that they were Christians ... and then, they were baptized in the Holy Spirit AND spoke with tongues AND prophesied.

So these four places in the Bible where; 120 disciples spoke in tongues; the Gentile believers spoke in tongues; Paul speaks in tongues; and the men at Ephesus spoke in tongues, should clearly show you that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues is for all those who believe. You cannot be baptized in the Holy Spirit without the evidence of speaking in tongues. Or in other words, the proof, verification, attestation or corroboration of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is tongues. You can’t get around it...unless you choose to disbelieve like Isaiah prophesied about. You need the rest and refreshing of speaking and singing in tongues.

The apostle Paul states that speaking in various kinds of tongues is one of the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit but is not the same tongues though as we read in **Acts 2:4** which is for all believers for their own edification where it says; *“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

The gift of tongues that Paul teaches on is in **1 Corinthians 12:10**; *“to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”*

This gift is for the edification of the Church and is operated in a way where the interpretation of the gift of tongues spoken coincides with it. These tongues are diverse in sound, and are not always the same and are given as the Holy Spirit wills as it says in **1 Corinthians 12:11**; *“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”*

Although it’s evident that all those who are baptised in the Holy Spirit speak in other tongues for personal edification, not all have the gift of diverse tongues. It is as the Holy Spirit wills in the Church service to give, and is followed up with the gift of interpretation.

You can see the thread of this gift in the Bible that our heavenly Father has given to us;

1. It was prophesied about by Isaiah
2. It started with the first disciples
3. The early church was birthed by it
4. Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit you can’t operate in the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues and if you mock and scorn its necessity in Christians lives, you won’t have the power to stand nor have power over the devil in these last days and like

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Isaiah prophesied, you'll fall backward, be broken and snared and caught. Just like the first disciples fell away and denied Jesus, there's a pretty good chance that you'll backslide somewhere in life or already be backslidden in heart, in mind, in will or in action. If Jesus ordered, commissioned and said you needed for your life ... then you need it! If Isaiah prophesied about it over 2800 years ago and even prophesied about those who wouldn't hear, then you need it! You may be born again but don't have the power to run the race and overcome. Like Peter who denied Jesus three times, you could easily backslide.

I love how Paul, after speaking in I Corinthians 12 about the necessity of the nine Gifts of the Spirit and how we need each of them functioning in the church body like we need each one of our own body parts, he says that these gifts need to operate in love, which he expounds upon in I Corinthians 13. Without then missing a beat he continues on in **1 Corinthians 14:1-5** by saying the following; *“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 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. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.”*

Sometimes in church a gift of diverse tongues is given and it is the same language as some one in the congregation who understands what is being said. Usually the gift of tongues is a language that no one knows and the gift of interpreting the tongue is to operate so that the body of Christ can be edified. Sometimes one person will speak in tongues and also will interpret it, or some one else in the meeting will interpret it. But if there is no interpreter, then he is to keep silent and speak to himself for personal edification.

Paul continues on in **1 Corinthians 14:26-32** talking about order in church meetings specifically regarding the **gift of tongues** (which is different than the tongues given to all for personal edification). It says; *“How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”*

This chapter ends by saying this in **1 Corinthians 14:37-40**; *“If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

A few thoughts in closing today. The devil has blinded and deceived so many Christians today about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and has them running everywhere to get rest and refreshment. Whether it's a holiday, spa, and sadly many have engaged in eastern religions to get their 'false' peace and in doing the latter, have opened themselves up to demonic influence. According to the Bible, it's only this gift of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues that you'll get perfect rest and refreshment. You will receive power to resist the devil, the power to overcome, the power to operate in the nine Gifts of the Spirit, the power to pray the perfect will of God and to be built up and edified in your heart and mind. Isaiah the prophet knew that stammering lips and tongues would be a stumbling block to many, especially to religious people. Why? Because it sounds foolish and they cannot understand its purpose. The purpose is all of what we've studied today.

Please don't resist receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues any longer.

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Please read this short script from Bob Snook entitled, '[Bodypart](#)'.