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Acts 2:41-43 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in THE APOSTLE'S DOCTRINE and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

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Study-Guide

How it works:

This Study Guide is designed to educate the reader on biblical concepts. This Study Guide series is part of "Understanding The Apostles' Doctrine" and provides study for each subject. Please Note: Each day, you will read a section entitled "In Depth". The "In Depth" section will contain the day's study material and scripture references to support the study. To read the full scripture, read the section directly above "In Depth" entitled "Scripture." Scriptures are italicized. For accuracy, I will only pull definitions of Hebrew and Greek words from Strong's Concordance and Lexicons. Both the Strong's and the Lexicons contain references from the original scrolls and manuscripts. Each day, will uncover a different topic or a unique perspective. For approximately 20 to 30 minutes a day for 21 days, you will become a Subject Matter Expert! You are encouraged to read the topic and write the answer to each question provided to you.

While reading each scripture, feel free to open your Bible and read it in context. There will only be studies from the bible in the King James with definitions from the original Greek or the Hebrew-Aramaic. We will never present teachings from any denominational teachings, theological norms, or dispensational world views. Everything will be taught in context with scripture and the cultural norms of the 1st century church and the Old Testament prophets. We have entered a day in age when the masses will not believe the truth of the Bible's teachings. 2 Timothy 4:3 states, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...*" When your studies are complete, you will no longer fall for false doctrine. You will be armed with the truth.

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Day 1: Introduction to Tongues

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.*
- *Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

In Depth:

Speaking in Tongues is a very controversial topic in the Western Christian world. When it comes to discovering the truth about this topic, I have a unique advantage. Besides a few years of church attendance as an elementary school student on a military base in Italy, I had no reference to religious theology. I had never seen anyone speak in tongues before, and I had my own personal experience. When I joined the Air Force at 20 years old, a practicing witch from the Wiccan cult was transferred or recycled into my flight of 61 airmen. My goal at the time was to convert each graduating Airman to Jesus Christ, including a Muslim Airman. This witch boldly proclaimed that Christianity was a false religion and used his vast knowledge of the Bible to share perceived contradictions. I came against his goal by praying for him with my eyes closed, and as I closed my eyes to pray, he kissed me on my forehead. I

instantly became sick. I was so ill that I was rushed to the hospital with nearly a 103-degree fever. Only two individuals from my flight of Airmen joined the witch's side and began to mock God because I became sick. This was my introduction to spiritual warfare. I began praying to the Lord with an IV in my arm; my body regained strength and normal temperature by 11 pm that night. When I returned to my flight dorm the next morning, I felt overwhelmed, confused, and over-matched. I went to the only place of isolation I could find in a basic training dorm, locked behind a bathroom stall. I began to pray aloud to the Lord. "LORD, I NEED YOUR HELP; I NEED HELP!" Something amazing happened as the atmosphere shifted. A mighty wind came into the room, and I began to pray in an unknown tongue, words I could not comprehend while turning like a drunken man. However, I was not as drunk as you suppose. I received help and the power that Jesus spoke about in Acts 1:8. The results... all graduating Airman left basic training saved and praying to Jesus, even the former Muslim. There were only two individuals who were converted to witchcraft, the two men who mocked God earlier. Unfortunately, right before graduation, these two men were both disqualified from basic training graduation. Everyone who graduated was saved except one person, the Wiccan witch. His goal was to convert all graduating Christians into witches, but it was subverted by a higher power. Jesus is the baptizer of the Holy Ghost and fire, just as Matthew 3:11 states.

Prophecy Relevance:

Do you believe Jesus is alive? Does Jesus still hold the ability to give His believers supernatural abilities?

Are we still in the Last Days? Did the Last Days end when the Apostles' died over a millennium ago?

Practical Relevance to Life:

It is taught in some Christian circles that the miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit died off with the Apostles. However, in Acts 2:17, the Apostle Peter states, "In the last days God will pour out his spirit..." Peter went on to proclaim that God was pouring out his spirit in Acts chapter 2. If God promised to pour out his spirit and power in the last days, wouldn't we have access to this power today? Why did the last days stop 2,000 years ago? There would be a contradiction in scripture if God were to stop pouring out His Spirit. Please Note: With thousands of years of world history, the book of Acts is identified as the beginning of the Last Days, and it continues today!

Day 2: Tongues in Prophecy I

Scripture:

- *Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.*

In Depth:

Before we spend time on the details of speaking in tongues and the theological implications, we must address prophecy. There were prophecies in the Old Testament preluding the phenomenon we call speaking in tongues. Even Jesus spoke directly to his disciples about this phenomenon, which he called “new tongues.” This prophecy can be found in Mark 16:17 (above). Jesus does not limit his ability to apostles or pastors. Isn’t it interesting that Western Christianity limits the ability of a minister to those who have completed at least a master’s degree in theology? Jesus’ qualifications are much simpler. Jesus’ qualifications pale in comparison to modern denominational requirements to be used greatly by God. Jesus specifically states that certain signs will follow anyone who believes. Jesus claimed that being a believer qualifies you to cast out devils and speak with new tongues. Modern theology requirements were originally established by the Catholic (Universal) Church. It was a requirement that an educated catholic priest be the only one called to cast out a devil and explain scripture. This is where we get the term Exorcists. Of course, as the protestant reformation was sculpted out of the Catholic church, some things did not change. It is still a theological requirement in most denominations that religious leaders create a policy like “no speaking in tongues,” their religious education will, unfortunately, take a priority over even the teachings of Jesus. Jesus never made these things a requirement. Jesus said anyone who

believes can cast out devils and speak in new tongues. Some believe “new tongues” refers to speaking another language. However, it was common for Hebrews to speak at least Hebrew, Aramaic, and koine (street) Greek. Speaking two or three languages was commonplace; why would speaking in “new tongues” be as miraculous as casting out devils if speaking multiple languages was already the norm in a 1st-century Hebrew society? Could it be (similar to casting out devils) that speaking in “new tongues” is referring to a supernatural ability that only Jesus can provide?

Day 3: Tongues in Prophecy II

Scripture:

- *Amos 3:7 ...the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets.*
- *Isaiah 28:11-12 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.*

In Depth:

Anything done in the New Testament can be traced by the foreknowledge of God within a prophecy foretold by an Old Testament prophet. The Prophet Amos highlights this in Amos 3:7. It is written that God does nothing unless he first reveals it to his prophets. Speaking in tongues is no exception to this rule. Jesus is not the only one in the Bible who speaks a prophecy about speaking in tongues. A messianic prophecy is a prophecy that is directly connected to the life and ministry of the Messiah Jesus Christ. The Prophet Isaiah is unique in that he chronicles over two dozen Messianic prophecies. One of these Messianic prophecies is how God will minister to people through a stammering lip or tongue. Isaiah 28:11-12 is specific in showing that this event will happen in the future and will bring rest and refreshment. This prophecy goes further to foretell how some people will listen to this tongue that God "will speak to his people," and others "would not hear." Please Note: In the modern-day Pentecostal movement, some claim that the Lord is speaking through them when they speak in tongues, and others within differing denominations say they are not able to hear what is being said, so it must be fake. This is exactly what the Prophet Isaiah said

would happen. Some people God would speak to, and some would not hear this stammering lips or tongue.

Prophecy Relevance:

If I learn another language and speak to a foreigner, would it be me speaking or God speaking? Over a long history of oppression, the Hebrew people spoke with Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Romans and more. Why would simply learning new languages be a supernatural gift foretold by prophets when the Hebrew culture was used to speaking multiple languages? Does it make sense to say that learning and speaking another language would fulfill the prophecy of stammering lips?

Practical Relevance to Life:

Anyone who has learned another language would tell you the time it takes to learn to perfect another language would not be considered "rest ."In fact, learning a new language would be considered toil. The prophecy in Isaiah 28:11-12 states the process of speaking another language would bring rest. This would conclude that whatever way God chooses to speak through people would not be earned or learned. It would be a tongue that is a supernatural ability or gift.

Prayer of Guidance: "Lord, I surrender my life to you! I give you permission to guide me and lead me in every area of my personal life. I know you have been there watching over me and now I choose to live for you and follow you, In Jesus name Amen!"

The Lord has placed many gifts within the local church. Make sure to join a local church that believes in the whole Bible. Not just parts of the Bible. This is where you will find sound mentorship, love, and accountability.

Day 4: Tongues in Prophecy II

Scripture:

- *Acts 2:3-4 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 2:15-17 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
- *Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*
- *1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*
- *Acts 1:14-15 These all continued with on accord in prayer and supplications, with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus and with the brethren.; ...the number of names together were about 120).*

In Depth:

A biblical occurrence of New Testament Christians speaking in tongues is found in Acts chapter 2. This was the first recorded moment and was known as the upper room experience.

It is recorded that 120 believers were praying in the upper room for 6 to 7 days. Acts 2:3-4 states, "...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues..." This is not a language the disciples learned over months of study. The Bible says this was done "as the Spirit gave them utterance." As they were speaking, people who witnessed clearly heard the gospel being spoken in their own languages from many different countries. On the contrary, some people heard what sounded like drunken gibberish. How is this known? Because Peter responded by defending the 120 male and female disciples. In Acts 2:15, Peter states, these people are not drunk as you may think. In modern days, denominational leaders look at the behavior of Holy Spirit-filled believers and declare these people are Out of Order. They often proclaim, "God would not operate like this." If theologians would read the scripture in a literal way instead of allegorically, they would realize this drunken may-lay is exactly how God poured out his Holy Spirit, as Peter explained in Acts 2:15-17. God even spoke through women as he poured out his spirit on sons and daughters who were in the upper room. (females in Acts 1:14-15). There was most definitely a connection between God pouring out his spirit and salvation. Acts 2:41 showed that because of this occurrence, about 3,000 souls were saved and baptized. The Prophet Joel's prophecy was being fulfilled before their eyes. Please Note: Unfortunately, some pastors teach that tongues and prophecy are done away with. They quote 1 Corinthians 13:8-9. It states that prophecies and tongues shall fail and vanish away. However, when you read the next verse in context, the scripture tells us exactly when tongues and prophecy will vanish away. Verse :10 states, "when that which is perfect is come" (Jesus is perfect), then and only then will prophecy and speaking in tongues be done away with. The scripture literally says that tongues and prophecy will only vanish when Jesus returns. Jesus is the only one who is

perfect, and when perfection comes at the 2nd coming of Christ, we will no longer need prophecy or tongues. In conclusion prophecy, and tongues will remain until Jesus returns!

Prophecy Relevance:

Peter showed how it was important to understand prophecy. Peter's response in defending the drunk-acting disciples was to quote prophecy in the scriptures.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Some individuals were not able to comprehend what was happening as this miracle unfolded in Acts chapter 2? Peter needed to explain. The same thing is happening today as religious leaders with advanced degrees in theology and biblical studies still can't wrap their heads around prophecy unfolding.

Day 5: Tongues in Prophecy IV

Scripture:

- *Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward (in the last days), that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also, upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*
- *Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered:*
- *1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

In Depth:

The Prophet Joel saw the outpouring of God's Spirit and tongues over 800 years before it began. Joel's name in Hebrew means The Lord is God. His writings were originally estimated to have been inscribed between 835 and 800 B.C. (B.C., Before Christ, will be used, as I do not use the new term, B.C.E., "Before Common Era"). The Prophet Joel encountered a prophetic vision where he saw the future. Known as a minor prophet, Joel's vision allows the reader to be privy to an end-time army for the Lord. This army was not an earthly military force with swords and physical weapons. He saw an end-time army armed with the spirit of God poured upon them. Joel's vision shows a future of not just males bringing the gospel but a time when young men and young women both had the spirit of God upon them. The scripture gets specific pertaining to women's involvement in ministry when it says, also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Joel 2:28-29. They received spiritual gifts like the ability to prophesy. This event of the outpouring of

God's spirit has a connection to salvation in the world. In Joel 2:32, it is chronicled that after this outpouring, many are set free.

The scripture says, "...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered". Over 800 years later, the Apostle Peter confirmed this prophecy fulfillment as 3,000 people were saved and baptized in one day. The prophecy connects salvation to tongues and Holy Spirit Baptism. Tongues will also give you an unction or spiritual insight. This insight also aids in soul winning. According to 1 John 2:20, this unction comes from the Lord God. This unction will birth prophecy inside a person. You may not be a prophet however, if you pray in tongues regularly you will begin to know unsearchable things, just like a prophet. God will give you the answer to problems, even other people's problems. This is because as you pray in tongues you will receive an unction from God to know mysteries. God knows all things and he shares these things with you through praying "in mysteries", or an unknown tongue. This is why Joel 2:28 says men and women will prophesy AFTER God pours his Spirit. God is pouring His Spirit the moment a person receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament we would call the receiver a Prophet. In the New Testament you don't have to be a Prophet to prophesy. You just need Holy Ghost Baptism. Tomorrow, we will discuss Joel chapter 2 being fulfilled.

Prophecy Relevance

Do you believe the Bible's prophecies are still being fulfilled today? Is this your first-time studying prophecy? Are you interested in being able to decipher if a prophecy has already been fulfilled?

Practical Relevance to Life:

In the book of Joel, the Hebrew word for prophecy is naba'; to speak or sing by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Also, to cause to bubble forth, to pour forth words abundantly, and to declare the words of God to men. Biblically, this was done in 3 ways. (1) Declaring words from a prophetic unction, meaning to speak future events by the foreknowledge of God. (2) Declaring words from a song, meaning not a normal song but a prophetic song, similar to the song of Moses or songs in Revelation sung prophetically. (3) Finally, declaring words from the Word of God with Revelation to other men means teaching the Word of God with Revelation. NOTE: This is the literal meaning of prophecy in the Bible, and it includes women by the Spirit of God. For accuracy, I will only pull definitions of Hebrew and Greek words from Strong's Concordance and Lexicons. Both the Strong's and the Lexicon contain references from the original scrolls and manuscripts.

Day 6: Tongues in Prophecy V

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Acts 2:3-4 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 2:21 ...it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
- *Acts 2:15-16 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel.*

In Depth:

Just before the upper room experience in Acts chapter 2, Jesus gives specific instructions to a multitude of disciples. In Acts 1:8, Jesus is telling them not to go to other cities of the world to preach the gospel UNTIL they receive power, the promise from God. What was this promise? The promise was found in Acts 2:3-4 as a flame of cloven tongues of fire appeared upon each of the 120 disciples, and they began to speak with other tongues. Notice this was not a baptism of water but a baptism of cloven tongues of fire and speaking in tongues. There are many different types of tongues; we will explore diverse tongues another day of this study. As the disciples spoke in tongues, many heard the gospel in their own languages. Others could not understand what was going on as it was thought that these disciples may

have been drunk at 9:00 am in the morning (the 3rd hour from 6:00 am). Let's take a minute to think about how a drunk man would act. They may run, jump, or roll on the ground. Their speech may be intelligible. This is what it looks like when a person is drunk. Some people heard the gospel and were blessed. Some people only saw a drunken group of 120 people in the streets speaking irrationally. It looks like a modern-day revival service to me! In legitimate revival movements, participants have been accused of speaking gibberish and acting crazy like drunk people. Many organized churches have strayed away from the moves of God because they claim this type of action may seem like a fraud. I have spoken to some ministers who are critics of this type of Holy Ghost movement. After many discussions I realized many ministers agree this type of move is authentic. It boils down to one thing. Many are embarrassed of the Holy Ghost. They know deep down in their hearts that God is somehow in control, but they are too afraid of the thoughts of other men and embarrassed of the Holy Ghost and a move of God. This is actually a type of sin called, the fear of man. The fear of man will make a minister deny a move of God to please fellow elders and leaders. Please Note: The fire of God cannot be controlled. When you speak to many people who were taken over by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, they will testify of healings in their bodies and even accurate prophetic words that only God himself could have revealed. In Acts 2:15-16 the Apostle Peter says his disciples were not drunk. Peter explained that tongues and Holy Ghost baptism have now been fulfilled according to prophecy.

Prophecy Relevance:

Why was it so important for the disciples to wait for the Holy Ghost Baptism before bringing the gospel message to other cities and the world? If you believe in Jesus and are saved, did you know you can become baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire AFTER salvation?!

Practical Relevance to Life:

Acts 2:21 shows the results of God empowering his believers not only with the power of the Holy Ghost but also with tongues. Jesus told them this power would give them the ability to become witnesses. Three thousand new believers now called on the name of the Lord, became saved and baptized. There were many things to note in the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy in Acts 2. (1) They obeyed Jesus by staying in Jerusalem. (2) 120 disciples prayed with one accord for 7 days until the baptism of the Holy Ghost. (3) God chose the moment to appear as prayer and obedience led to a great move of God!

Day 7: Salvation vs. Holy Spirit Baptism I

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:4 He (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...*
- *John 20:19-22 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*
- *Acts 2:1-2 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...*
- *Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:*

In Depth:

Yesterday, we spoke in detail about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus was extremely specific in his command to the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received this promise of the Father in Acts 1:4. His instructions are simple and profound. Jesus was about to release something new upon the disciples. In Luke 3:16, John the Baptist came to baptize people with water; however, he prophesied that Jesus would baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire. According to the Bible, there is a difference between the baptism of water vs baptism of

the Holy Ghost. Biblically, these are two different events. Many religious circles argue believers in the modern church are not required to speak in tongues to have the Holy Spirit. They would be correct. Let me explain further. There is a difference between receiving the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation and the separate event of receiving the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire." It is common knowledge that 120 believers received the "Holy Spirit Baptism" in Acts chapter 2. However, when did the disciples receive salvation? The disciples received salvation 50 days earlier in John chapter 20 when Jesus appeared unto them, showing them infallible proofs of His resurrection. In John 20:19-22 Jesus showed proof of his crucifixion scars, then he breathed on them, and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost. Please Note: when the disciples received salvation, they also received the Holy Spirit in their hearts. According to John 20:19, his event occurred on the first day of the week directly after Passover weekend, the same evening Jesus rose from the dead. Approximately 49 to 50 days later was the Hebrew holiday of Pentecost, considered the 50th day of Passover. The day of Pentecost is when the disciples received the "Holy Spirit Baptism" according to Acts 2:1-2. This solidifies the fact that you can receive the Holy Spirit at salvation, but the "Holy Spirit Baptism" is a completely different event—an event marked by speaking in tongues. Salvation is a separate event from water baptism. Salvation is also a separate event from "Holy Spirit Baptism."

Prophecy Relevance:

Acts chapter 2 describes a prayer meeting where 120 people were filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost as a flame of cloven tongues of fire appeared. John the Baptist prophesied this event in Luke 3:16.

Practical Relevance to Life:

There was a Baptist pastor in North Georgia who was very skeptical until he saw a flame of fire appear above his baptismal pool. His master's degree in theology could not explain it. He prayed a special prayer and God gave him the Baptism of the Holy Ghost! Pray with me, the prayer that Baptist Pastor prayed. Father God, I want only the truth. I want only the perfect will of God for my life and my family's lives. I openly denounce all false doctrines. I denounce all false teachings. I denounce and reject every work of the devil! If there is anything you want for me to have give it to me today. Move any stumbling block or false teaching out of my life in Jesus name. I receive the Holy Spirit Baptism today!

Day 8: Salvation Vs. Holy Spirit

Scripture:

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- *Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*
- *Hebrews 6:1-2 ... leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.*
- *Matthew 22:29 Jesus said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*
- *Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

In Depth:

When you are initially saved or born again, you have (1) received Jesus as Lord and Savior, (2) asked for forgiveness and repented from sins. (3) Finally, you must believe in Jesus' death on the cross, burial and resurrected on the 3rd day. Instantly, God does something amazing! The moment you are born again, you become a new creature: old

things are passed away according to 1 Corinthians 5:17. When you are born again, you have not yet received the “Holy Spirit Baptism” however, the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us, according to Romans 5:5. You qualify to go to heaven, but you have not become endued with the power to bring the gospel to the nations. Many denominations do not seek the “Holy Spirit Baptism” but have indeed planted missionaries overseas, even raising millions of dollars to build church buildings in the foreign mission field. These skills are honorable, but this description does not fit the power encountered in Acts 1:8. The word “power” that Jesus spoke of meant supernatural power that only comes from God. After salvation, the Bible says there is a baptism of water, then a baptism of fire. Hebrews 6:1-2 says the doctrine of Christ and repentance are foundational or the beginning step. When you build a house, you must first lay the foundation before you build a beautiful house. The house’s appearance is important, but it will fall apart if the foundation is not set correctly. Accepting Christ Jesus and repenting is only the foundation. In Hebrew 6:1-2 a beautiful home above a solid foundation would be considered baptisms, laying on of hands, and raising the dead. Baptisms are listed as plural events. Baptism of water, then baptism of fire. With God, there is more.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Acts 1:8 Jesus said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth”. When Jesus used the word “power” in Acts 1:8, it was the koine (street) Greek word for dynamis (δύναμις), meaning strength, ability, power (1) exerted upon their souls for performing miracles, (2) influence which belongs to riches and wealth, (3) consisting in or resting upon

armies and (angelic) hosts, (4) moral power and excellence of soul deriving from the resurrection power of God. This is the power to do what is not humanly possible.

After being endowed with power the disciples began to speak in tongues. Jesus commanded them not to advance the gospel to other cities until they received the power and tongues, as stated in Acts 1:4-5.

Day 9: Salvation vs. Holy Spirit Baptism III

Scripture:

- *Acts 19:2-6 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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied.*
- *Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) After laying hands upon them, they received the Holy Ghost.*

In Depth:

There are a few instances in the New Testament that show the difference between salvation and Holy Spirit Baptism in the lives of specific believers. In Acts 19:2-6 the Apostle Paul traveled through a region called Ephesus. While passing through its coasts, Paul encountered 12 men who identified themselves as disciples. They were saved and believed in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Paul asked, "Unto what then were ye baptized." They replied, "Unto John's baptism." Their response showed which baptism they had received. Why would Paul ask the question if there was only one baptism? Next, Paul shared the prophecy of John the Baptist

with these disciples, and they were ready to receive. Paul immediately baptized them in the name of Jesus by laying his hands upon them. However, there was no mention of Paul putting these men down into water. This baptism was The Holy Spirit baptism of fire. In another encounter, the Apostles Peter and John were called from Jerusalem to Samaria to pray with a group of people who had received the word of God and were already saved. Acts 8:14-17 explains that they were called specifically to come down to Samaria to pray for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: because as yet the Holy Spirit was fallen upon none of them. Meaning they were saved but not yet baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Prophecy Relevance:

John baptized with water, but Jesus is the baptizer of the Holy Ghost and fire. Luke 3:16

Practical Relevance to Life:

The key question Paul asked is, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" in Acts 19:2-6. This question was for someone other than the Apostles. This question was for regular disciples. These disciples were devout Christian believers but had not heard that they could become baptized in the Holy Spirit. Sounds like major denominations in the world today! However, when Paul laid hands upon them, and they were baptized in the Holy Ghost instead of in water, it proved that the Holy Ghost is for regular believers like you and me. Let's pray together:

PRAYER FOR HOLY GHOST BAPTISM: “Father God, in Jesus's name! Baptize me with the power of the Holy Spirit and with the promise that Jesus promised! I want to be used in a greater way! Fill me with the Holy Ghost and fire! From this moment on and for the rest of my life!”

If you read this normally, GO BACK and pray again with all your heart! Take notes of the change that occurs. Begin to write down what happens and email your testimony to theatooutreach@gmail.com .

Day 10: Do Not Forbid

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14: 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*
- *2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*
- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*

In Depth:

I have heard of religious leaders across America who forbids their church members from speaking in tongues. This is against the Bible. In 1 Corinthians 14:39, Paul commands us not to forbid anyone from speaking in tongues. Why do so many religious leaders forbid tongues? There are a few reasons: (1) During the book of Acts, a prerequisite for church leadership was being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Nowadays, a master's degree in religious study is a prerequisite before you are considered for ecclesiastical leadership. Unfortunately, in America, there are thousands of preachers with advanced degrees but no Holy Ghost Baptism or experience. (2) The Holy Spirit cannot be controlled by a religious leader. If the Holy Spirit tells an 80-year-old woman to plan a gospel crusade to win thousands of migrants to Jesus. She would have to listen to the Holy Ghost and disregard a church leader who wants to control her actions. Especially being a woman. (3) Operating with the Bible but absolutely

no power is the norm. You can have secret sins in your life and have no experience in the miraculous. (4) The very ministers who are criticized for being heretics may be the very men who could lay hands upon them to receive the Holy Ghost. It would take admitting that their theology is wrong. (5) Admitting that the power of God is still available today in the 21st century could possibly mean losing credentials, friends, and money to walk in a new truth. The results are churches having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5).

Prophecy Relevance:

Jesus promised that we would receive power in Acts 1:8. Some denominations teach this statement meant it was only for the Apostles to receive power. How do we then explain the prophecy in the next chapter that says the gift of Holy Spirit Baptism and tongues is for not only their generation but "for your children that are far off" found in Acts 2:39? It also goes further to say, "for all whom the Lord our God will call." That means ALL OF US Christians! According to prophecy, the gift of the Holy Spirit Baptism with speaking in tongues is for all of us who believe.

Practical Relevance to Life:

2 Timothy chapter 3 speaks of the perilous times to come. The phrase "to come" shows a time in the future when a certain people will be unholy, unthankful, blasphemers, etc. Further reading shows that Paul was writing about the future state of the church. A future church with those who will deny the power of God. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, "But ye shall receive power..." This power includes not only the miraculous but also speaking in tongues.

When you hear a religious leader deny tongues or any modern-day miracles, please know this is the literal definition Paul gave to "deny the power of God" found in 2 Timothy 3:5.

Day 11: Armor of God

Scripture:

- *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- *Ephesians 6:12 ...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, ...the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- *Ephesians 6:14-18 having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness... feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace... taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked... helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,...*
- *Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:2 "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."*
- *1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*

In Depth:

The Apostle Paul spent considerable time in prison and on house arrest for boldly preaching the Gospel and using the name Jesus. Roman soldiers well-guarded his time spent in confinement. These soldiers wore military uniforms protected by pieces of armor. As an excellent spiritual leader, he also begins to explain available defensive and offensive weapons

needed against the attack of spiritual wickedness. It is fitting that Paul's defensive and offensive descriptions are named the Armor of God. Ephesians 6:11 instructs us to put on the whole armor of God. We must never neglect to put on any part of the Armor of God. Most teachers will mention the list of Ephesians 6:14-17; the belt of truth (loins girt), breastplate of righteousness, feet prepared to share the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and swords of the Spirit. Verse :17 is where most pastors and teachers stop the list. But what about verses :18 and :19? Verses :17 and :18 are separated with a colon, not a period! Verse :18 is a continuation of the Armor of God. Ephesians 6:18 states that we should always pray with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. Furthermore, verse 19 expounds deeper about praying in the Spirit. Paul asks God to help him, so utterance would be given unto him... to make known the mystery of the gospel. This fulfills Paul's teaching about tongues found in 1 Corinthians 14:2. Paul says praying in an unknown tongue is unto God; however, (praying) in the Spirit, he speaks mysteries. Please Note: Every New Testament mention of "praying in the Spirit" refers to praying in the Holy Ghost or in tongues. 1) Paul instructs us to put on the whole Armor of God 2) Neglecting to pray in tongues is putting on the partial Armor of God because we are leaving out part of the armor. 3) Praying in the spirit or praying in tongues completes putting on the whole armor of God.

Prophecy Relevance:

Let's quickly recap the Armor of God: truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Word of God, feet prepared to spread the Gospel, and praying in the Holy Spirit. These things together are the **WHOLE ARMOR** of God.

Practical Relevance to Life:

In the book of Ephesians chapter 6, Paul lists the order of an enemy greater than the Roman legions and Pharisees court who persecuted Jesus. Paul begins to list the principalities and wickedness in the spirit realm. Please Note: that physical armor cannot protect you from a spiritual fight.

Day 12: Prophecy over Tongues

Scripture:

- *Acts 2:11 We do hear them speak in our tongues (languages) the wonderful works of God.*
- *Romans 8:26-27 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.*
- *1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:2 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.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret...*
- *1 Corinthians 14:13 ... him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*
- *Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel.*
- *2 Thessalonians 2:15 ...hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

In Depth:

The Apostle Paul provides an important teaching on the differences between prophecy and speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians chapter 14). First, Paul establishes that there is a tongue that is a mystery, meaning no man understands what is being said (1 Corinthians 14:2). This also shows there is a diversity (or difference) between a mystery tongue and a diverse tongue that can become translated into a different language (example in Acts 2:11). Furthermore,

Paul clearly states, "prophecy is greater than tongues." Romans 8:26-27 says, we do not know what we should pray for as we ought. However, when we pray in the spirit, the Spirit (of God) makes intercession for us with groanings that can't be uttered. Uttered is defined *alaletos* in Greek for "expressed in words". Prophecy is greater than tongues EXCEPT when tongues are interpreted!! (1 Cor 14:5). In the last few sentences, we just spoke about three different types of tongues: 1) Mysteries or unknown tongues, 2) tongues supernaturally translated into foreign languages, and finally 3) unknown tongues interpreted by another into our language. We will address all three during this study series. Paul clearly shows us the superiority of the gift of prophecy over unknown tongues. There is, of course, an exception to this rule. Speaking in tongues coupled with an interpretation is equivalent to prophecy. 1 Corinthians 13:9 states, "we prophesy in part." This means a prophecy is a partial revelation from God, showing the "partial" of the will of God. When we pray in our native tongue, we pray in our language of understanding (English, for example). Regular prayer has limitations because our human weaknesses won't allow us to pray the perfect will of God. Therefore, we often pray the partial will of God. However, God can pray directly through us. Romans 8:26 states the Spirit of God makes intercession for us with groanings which can't be uttered, or "expressed in words" (*alaletos*). When an unknown tongue or a mystery tongue is prayed, we pray the perfect prayer, the perfect will of God. This is why an unknown tongue, once it is interpreted is equivalent to prophecy. The hidden mysteries of God are revealed through interpretation.

Prophecy Relevance:

Acts chapter 2 describes 120 men and women praying in tongues. In Acts 2:16, Peter stated that the Prophet Joel's prophecy was being fulfilled before their eyes. God poured his Spirit on all flesh, causing men and women to prophesy. This prophecy was fulfilled in tongues or speaking the wonderful works of God, according to Acts 2:11.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Many ministers boast about strictly following the scriptures of the bible. The popular term is Sola Scriptura, meaning "the scripture alone." Many of these same ministers forbid speaking in tongues. The scriptures of the Holy Bible explicitly speak against forbidding tongues (1 Corinthians 14:13). Instead of forbidding tongues, Paul teaches us to pray that we may interpret. Traditions (παράδοσις) in Greek is paradosis or the rituals, precepts orally delivered. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 states we are to hold on to the oral traditions and scriptures held by the 1st century church. Praying in tongues is the primary oral precept that was established during the birth of the 1st century church.

Day 13: Tongues For Unbelievers

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14:27-28 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*
- *1 Cor 14:22-23 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?*

In Depth:

People falsely use Paul's writings to prohibit believers from praying in tongues. Especially in church or in prayer meetings. Please Note: Paul wasn't present, and he was not a witness to the Upper Room experience in Acts chapter 2. This was when 120 people "prayed" in corporate tongues at the same time. There is a difference between speaking in tongues and praying in tongues. Many churches today would have rebuked the disciples for coming out of the upper room speaking in tongues simultaneously. Once again, there is a difference between "SPEAKING" in tongues and "PRAYING" in tongues. Remember, praying in tongues is towards God. Speaking in tongues is towards men. Speaking in tongues towards men is conveyed in another language or by interpretation. If you are "PRAYING" in tongues, it is ok to allow a church congregation to pray together with many praying simultaneously. Examples are in Acts 2 and in Acts 19:2-6 when multiple people "prayed" in tongues together. "Speaking" in tongues towards men requires two to three people

"speaking" in tongues at a time with one person interpreting (1 Corinthians 14:27-28). Suppose the engine of your vehicle was broken down. Would you allow a person to fix the engine who has only read a book about car engines but has no experience in fixing cars? Would you instead decide to take your vehicle to a licensed mechanic with experience? Of course, you would go to a certified mechanic. If there is a pastor who does not speak in tongues, why would you trust him to teach you about tongues if his teaching opposes scripture?? Just because he has read the scriptures doesn't mean he has experience or the revelation from God to lead you in that area. Unfortunately, even if you love the pastor and he is dear to your heart, sadly, he does not qualify to teach you about Holy Spirit Baptism. Sadly, many pastors in the Western world are condemning tongues and telling people the correct way to administer tongues but have never spoken in tongues for themselves. The blind leading the blind. These types of ministers often teach that tongues are only for certain believers. Wrong! Tongues are not just for certain believers but for unbelievers. 1 Cor 14:22-23 states, tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: You cannot ban tongues in church just because unbelievers are present. To ban tongues in a public setting robs God of the opportunity to show the miraculous to unbelievers and to build up the faith of some believers.

Prophecy Relevance:

Interpreting tongues is equivalent to interpreting a prophetic word or a mini sermon directly to an audience of people listening. Speaking in tongues and praying in tongues are two different things. When a person interprets an unknown tongue, it is not interpreting prayer.

Spoken tongues should only be in the open forum if there is an interpretation or a translation.

However, it is ok to pray in tongues both in a corporate setting and in a private setting.

Practical Relevance to Life:

If you believe in Jesus and are saved? Did you know you can become baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire?! We will explore this concept in tomorrow's bible study.

Day 14: Jesus Administers Tongues I

Scripture:

- *Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied.*
- *2 Timothy 1:6-7 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
- *Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*
- *John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

In Depth:

John the Baptist once said Jesus is the one who will baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. If a person is baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit, it is because Jesus is the one who administered it. For the next few days, we will study how Jesus administers tongues. Jesus administers tongues by the laying on of hands and the power of agreement with the Lord God. Agreement with believing God's Word, agreement with other believers coming together to do God's will, agreement with one individual doing God's will! One way Jesus chooses to administer tongues is by the laying on of hands. In Acts 19:6, Paul laid his hands upon a group of disciples, and the Bible says, the Holy Ghost came upon them AND they spake with tongues and prophesied. The same Holy Ghost indwelling on the inside of Apostle Paul was the same Holy Ghost that came upon the disciples. The way Jesus chose to administer the

Holy Ghost to these men was by the laying on of hands upon them. I have seen this occur before my eyes many times. Both of my daughters were baptized with the Holy Spirit on two different occasions. One was eight years old, and the other was nine years old. Their experiences were two years apart, and two ministers laid hands upon them. Many people prayed for these girls many times; however, this was different. Hands were laid upon them, and they began to speak with tongues like Acts 19:6. The same Holy Spirit indwelling inside the ministers was the same Holy Spirit that came upon my daughters. They both began to operate in the spiritual gifts of healing and the Word of wisdom. Note: Never discount your experiences with God if they line up with the scriptures. When the Word of God lines up perfectly with your personal experiences, God is doing the same things for you that he did for the Apostles and the 1st-century church.

Prophecy Relevance:

When hands are laid upon a believer, and they become filled with the Holy Ghost and begin speaking with other tongues, they receive power. Jesus prophesied about this power that he administers in Acts 1:8. According to scripture, it is the power to be a witness for him. A witness is called to testify to the truth. Jesus proclaims himself as “the way, the truth, and the life”, according to John 14:6. The purpose of being a witness is to point people to Jesus and to win souls. According to Acts 1:8, a person cannot receive the power of the Holy Spirit without being a witness, or at least attempting to win souls. The primary purpose of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is to win souls. This was stated in the prophecy and in the fulfillment.

Practical Relevance to Life:

I have known individuals who were baptized in the Holy Ghost in the past and may have gotten stagnant when it comes to winning souls or operating in their spiritual gifts. The Bible says there is a way for that fire to become rekindled. The Bible says the laying on of hands will stir up the gift. 1 Timothy 1:6-7. The Bible says that Paul was addressing some fears that Timothy had as Paul went on to ensure him that we were not given a spirit of fear but of POWER, love, and a sound mind. What is the power that Paul was talking about? I believe it was the same power that Jesus prophesied about in Acts chapter 1.

Day 15: Jesus Administers Tongues II

Scripture:

- *John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father...*
- *Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus*
- *Matthew 18:19 ... if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything...it shall be done for them*
- *Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image...*
- *Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- *Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*
- *Luke 1:15 For he (John the Baptist) shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*
- *Acts 10:4, 44 ... and he (the Angel of the Lord) said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God...; while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard...*

In Depth:

As we study the ways that Jesus administers or gives His Holy Spirit to mankind, remember that Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire. In Acts 1, Jesus told the disciples that He must go so He can send us the Helper, the Comforter. This Helper and Comforter is none other than the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost. But this time, Jesus was speaking about Holy Spirit Baptism. In John 20 Jesus already breathed his Holy Spirit upon

them, leading to only a small group becoming saved. This time, Jesus is sending His Spirit in another way, through a process called Holy Spirit Baptism. When the Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurred in Acts 2, over 3,000 people were saved and added to the church. When help is needed to win souls, Jesus will send the Baptism of the Holy Ghost! This was evident in my personal life. The Power of Agreement is another factor. The Power of Agreement is mentioned in Matthew 18:19. In Genesis 1:26, God created mankind with agreement. "Let us make mankind." There are three principles of the Power of Agreement: 1) Agreement with believing God's Word! In Acts 19:4, Paul made the disciples aware of the Word of God. They spoke with other tongues instantly after they came into an agreement with the prophecy of Jesus, and Paul's hands were laid upon them. 2) Agreement with other believers coming together to do God's will! In Acts 2:1, 120 men and women came together on one accord to do what Jesus told them to do, and Jesus Baptized them with the Holy Ghost and tongues. 3) Agreement with an individual doing God's will! On Day 1, I shared my testimony. I was attempting to win 60 people to Jesus when a person practicing witchcraft was trying to stop me. I was filled with the Helper, the Holy Ghost, and baptism with tongues, and dozens of people were saved. Cornelious' story was a biblical example of a man doing God's will. Cornelius was in agreement with God's will by praying, paying alms to the poor, and helping to build the synagogue (building the house of God). Both concepts are biblical. Peter came, and while he was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelious' entire household. Cornelious agreed with God himself as his actions brought a memorial before the very throne room of God. (Acts 10:4 and Acts 10:44)

Prophecy Relevance:

Do not violate those three principles of agreement. You can reduce the power of God in your life by 1) routinely disagreeing with God's written Word, 2) causing dissension between men who come together to do God's will, or 3) coming against or disagreeing with God himself by attempting to block God's will, unrepented sin or blasphemy. Violating these can grieve the Holy Spirit. I will talk more about grieving the Holy Ghost tomorrow.

Practical Relevance to Life:

A common roadblock to the supernatural is drug and alcohol consumption. We should be filled with the spirit OR filled with alcohol; choose one (Ephesians 5:18). In Luke 1:15, an angel instructed John the Baptist's parents to never allow John to drink alcohol. I will choose the Holy Spirit. What about you?

Day 16: Strange Fire

Scripture:

- *Leviticus 10:1-2 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.*
- *Acts 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all...*
- *1 Corinthians 11:29-30 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this... many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

In Depth:

There is such a thing called "strange fire." Fake tongues and demonic tongues fall into this category. Some occult groups speak a counterfeit demonic tongue. Please Note: Only God is the Creator. The devil is not a creator and cannot create anything. The devil only distorts and perverts what God has originally created. This is also true for spiritual things. Anything the Lord has done on the earth pertaining to spiritual things, Satan will always try to duplicate and distort it for evil. However, we should never insert ourselves to manage holy things while not 'attempting' to live a holy lifestyle, having unclean hands. Aside from tongues, this remained true in many instances in the Bible. Two of Aaron's sons were killed by the fire of God when they tried to sacrifice an offering with "strange fire" (Leviticus 10:1-2) A sacrifice or offering unto God must always be considered holy. Ananias and Sapphira

lied about a financial offering that would be used to expand the early ministry of the Apostles. (Act 5:1-11) Upon lying to the Apostle Peter, they both fell dead. These are just small examples. I remember two situations where false tongues were presented before discerning men and women. The first situation was after an altar call at a church service just a few miles outside of New Orleans, where witchcraft is heavy. Close to 20 youths were baptized with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. However, one girl had a strange tongue. We quickly recognized this little girl's reaction was not holy. She began to manifest a demon eerily similar to the girl in The Exorcist movie. 3 other men and I held her down to the ground as the unclean spirit took over her. The only one in the room trained in spiritual warfare was a Lady Pastor. She quickly cast the demon out of the little girl, and peace came over the room. Another situation occurred ten years later. My church was doing an outreach in Saint Petersburg, Florida, and had an altar call. There was a man at the altar who wanted to pray in tongues. I felt prompted to take him into a room. Three people prayed with him as he spoke in a tongue that seemed legitimate to the other people. Still, the Holy Spirit within me knew it was a counterfeit. When I yelled, "demon, come out!" the spirit within the man screamed, "Noooooooooo!". After about 10 minutes, two demons came out of him. The job was not finished. I sensed the man was holding onto something, then he immediately tore a beaded bracelet off his right arm. Quickly, I was able to cast out the last demon. Finally, the peace of God flooded the room as he prayed for salvation and the Holy Spirit with genuine tongues. I asked him about the bracelet, and his reply shocked me. The bracelet was given to him by a Santeria witch doctor for good luck. Once removed, God could have his way. Don't mix witchcraft with Christianity! Do not mix holy things with the unholy!

Prophecy Relevance:

The Apostle Paul spoke about Holy Communion in 1 Corinthians 11:29-30. There was a prophetic warning to all. Anyone who partakes in this holy ceremony unworthily is at risk of premature sickness and sleep. Sleep in Greek is koimao (κοιμάω), to cause one to sleep, to put to sleep or death.

Practical Relevance to Life:

The term "strange fire" is a fire that comes from below and not from above. The term is derived from the Hebrew Word zoor (zûwr) to turn aside, hence to be a foreigner (to God), strange; specifically, to commit adultery, unlawful or profane fire as opposed to holy fire, loathsome, to lie. If you fall into sin, be quick to repent. Do not handle sacred things if there is a strange fire in your life. Ask for forgiveness quickly! Connect with a pastor or minister that can disciple you. God will forgive you and restore you!

Day 17: Tongues to God (Praying and Singing) I

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14:2 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.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:15 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.*
- *Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost*
- *Revelation 14:3 ...they sung as it were a new song before the throne... no man could learn that song but the 144,000...*
- *Revelation 15:3 ...And they sung as it were a new song before the throne...*

In Depth:

"Praying" in tongues to God and "speaking" in tongues to men are two different things. Praying in tongues is equivalent to praying in the Spirit according to 1 Corinthians 14:15. Apostle Paul says that he "prays in the spirit" and also, he "prays in understanding". This means praying in the spirit and praying in understanding are different. Praying in the Spirit is praying in an unknown tongue. Anytime the Bible says, "pray in the Spirit," the scriptures talk about praying in the unknown language of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 14:14 says if we pray in an unknown tongue, our spirit prays. This is also a prayer where there is no understanding. As the scripture says, our understanding is not fruitful. When unknown

tongues are interpreted, the church is built up or strengthened. If you pray in an unknown tongue, you are built up and strengthened within yourself. Each person consists of a body, a soul, and a spirit. Your body is strengthened by rigorous exercise. Your soul is your mind, willpower, and intellect. Your soul is strengthened by maintaining good mental health. If you pray in the spirit, God will strengthen the spirit inside you. Jude 1:20 says that praying in the Holy Ghost (tongues) will build you up on your most holy faith. The Greek Word for build or build-up is the Word edify or oikodome (οικοδομή). Edify in Greek means the act of building up of the person whose growth is furthered and used by the heavenly body (the spirit of a man), the abode of the soul after death. It is good to spend hours of your day praying in tongues. Praying in tongues does to your spirit what lifting weights in a gym does to your body. Your faith will be increased, and your spirit will be strong from praying in tongues. You can pray like this privately as you walk throughout your day-to-day life.

Prophecy Relevance:

Interpretation of singing in tongues may lead to a prophetic song. Examples of prophetic songs are the song of Moses, the song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:3), and the song in heaven that no one can sing except the 144,000 end-time Hebrew evangelists. (Revelation 14:3) These songs are written by God onto the hearts of humanity for eternity.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Worship singing is the highest form of prayer. Singing in the spirit is also equivalent to praying in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:15). This means we can sing in tongues, often spontaneously and in a beautiful way. This is a prophetic song. Tomorrow, I will teach how

we are built up or edified with tongues. Also, singing in tongues is very refreshing. It can build up your spirit just as well as praying in tongues. It's like singing a love song to God and Him singing back through you when the Spirit of God begins to unction to and through you while singing. God chooses these special ways to minister through you.

Day 18: Tongues to God II

Scripture:

- *Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*
- *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God*
- *Romans 8:26 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.*
- *Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*
- *Isaiah 28:11-12 ...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.*
- *1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*
- *Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and FOR ALL who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*

In Depth:

There are benefits to praying in tongues. Jude 1:20 says it builds up your most holy faith. Your faith can be built up in two ways: 1) Praying in tongues and 2) hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). If you are reading the scriptures, you are doing more than most people; however, this is only 50% of the avenue God uses to build faith. When you pray in tongues,

the Holy Spirit prays through you. According to the scriptures, five prominent things happen when we pray in tongues. 1) It builds your faith. 2) The Holy Spirit helps your infirmities or weaknesses. 3) When we do not know what to pray, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us. This is done with groanings that cannot be uttered, according to Romans 8:26. 4) God is also granting us strength by the riches of His glory. God is literally strengthening us with might by His Holy Spirit. This is not strength to our natural bodies, according to Ephesians 3:16. The Spirit of God is building our spirit by giving strength to our inner man. This is a supernatural prayer language. The Prophet Isaiah lived 700 to 800 years before Jesus was born. He accurately prophesied about Jesus' ministry and suffering. The Prophet Isaiah also prophesied about tongues. Isaiah 28:11-12 says that with stammering lips and another tongue, God will speak to "this people". The Prophet Isaiah was prophesying about "this people" in the future. Let us talk about the 5th major thing that happens when we pray in tongues. 5) Isaiah said this supernatural prayer language would bring rest and refresh the people of God. I cannot tell you the number of times my ministry team found ourselves in stressful situations. Often, we stopped to pray in tongues as the presence of God came into the room and brought a refreshing and rest to his people. It was as if God pressed reset on the stress meter. When you pray in tongues for about 15 minutes or more, you can hit a gusher (for lack of a better term). It feels like a glass ceiling is cracked as the tongue changes into another language as answers to the problem come into your mind. God instantly releases all pressures and worries.

Prophecy Relevance:

The Apostle Peter used prophecy to teach about the infilling of the Holy Ghost. In Acts 2:39, Peter said it was not only for the early church but for their children and ALL people who were far off. Not just a few, but he said: "FOR ALL." That's all of us! "Children" and "who are far off" means future generations. The scripture goes on to say all that God would call. If God has called you, you qualify!

Practical Relevance to Life:

1 Corinthians 12:11 states that God divides the spiritual gifts "as God wills it." People misinterpret this scripture to say it is not God's will that all Christians should pray in tongues. This is incorrect. This scripture is not talking about praying in tongues. This scripture is actually talking about the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit including speaking in tongues, not praying in tongues. Speaking in tongues to mankind through interpretation and diverse languages is listed as a spiritual gift. However, "praying in tongues" to God is not a spiritual gift and is available to ALL who believe.

Day 19: Gifts of the Spirit

Scripture:

- *1 Cor. 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *1 Cor. 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*
- *Acts 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.*
- *2 Corinthians 12:3-4 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

In Depth:

In scripture, many spiritual abilities are given to believers. Most of these abilities are listed as the 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit found in 1 Cor. 12:7-10. They can be explained into three categories. The Revelation Gifts, The Power Gifts, and The Vocal Gifts. The Revelation Gifts are 1) word of wisdom, 2) word of knowledge, and 3) discerning of spirits. The Power Gifts are 4) the gift of faith, 5) the working of miracles, and 6) the gifts of healing) The Vocal Gifts are 7) prophecy, 8) diverse kinds of tongues, and 9) interpretation of tongues. Realize gifts 8 and 9 are gifts of specific types of tongues. Both gifts are spiritual gifts that are used towards mankind. The gift of 8) diverse kinds of tongues are dealing with translating tongues into different ethnic languages, supernaturally. I will explain later. The gift of 9) interpretation of tongues is dealing with one's ability to interpret a mysterious and unknown tongue into

an understood language. Both of these Vocal Gifts are for men to understand. We will go into detail in the next two days. Please Note: In 1 Corinthians 12:28, Paul lists the order of importance that God has placed in the church. First Apostles, then Prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments, and diversities of tongues. Why does the modern church remove the first two from the order of the church? When you read this chapter in context, verses :13 through :27 specifically explain that we should not remove one position from the body of Christ. Paul goes into great detail to explain how each position in the church is essential, and none should be removed. The first positions Paul has listed are Apostles and Prophets. It is a false doctrine to remove Apostles and Prophets from the church. Tongues and miracles are also on the list (1st Corinthians 12:10). The diversity of tongues are also listed. Diversity of tongues means different types of tongues. "Diverse kinds" in verse :10 and "diversities" in verse :28 is the word *genos* (γένος) in the koine-Greek. Meaning; tongues of different tribes and nations. This is supernaturally speaking in an unknown tongue and the tongue being translated into another language by God himself. This is found in Acts chapter 2. In other words, to have tongues translated or interpreted are Spiritual Gift 8 and 9.

Relevance to Prophecy:

There are more supernatural abilities not listed in 1 Corinthians 12. For instance, there is a supernatural ability called "Translation" or to be "caught away" that Phillip experienced in Acts 8:39, allowing him to instantly travel from one city to another. This same ability was given to a man that Paul was familiar with in 2 Corinthians 12:3-4 when he was taken up

instantly or "caught up" to the 3rd heaven. Our God is not limited to our theology; however, everything we experience must be rooted in scripture.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Tongues to God is “praying” in tongues. Tongues to men is “speaking” in tongues. These are two different things. Tongues to Men include 1) tongues that are interpreted (1 Cor. 12:10) and 2) tongues that are translated into another language supernaturally. This is not learning a new language over a long period of time, this is instant and it is supernatural. Tomorrow, I will go into detail about “speaking” in tongues, in the category I call, Tongues to Men.

Day 20: Tongues to Men (Speaking) I

Scripture:

- *1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *Acts 2:4-6; 8 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation (ethnos, or ethnicity) under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language (dialektos, dialect or tongue); And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*
- *Acts 2:11 We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*
- *Acts 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
- *1 Corinthians 14: 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*

In Depth:

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, the last two gifts of the Holy Spirit are for glorifying God and to benefit mankind. Remember, there are different types of tongues: tongues “prayed” to God and tongues “spoken” to men. The two tongues listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are associated with tongues “spoken” to men. 1 Corinthians 12:10 lists diverse kinds of tongues and interpretations of tongues. Tomorrow, we will dive into the interpretation of tongues. Today, we will focus on "diverse kinds" of tongues. "Diverse kinds" is the koine-Greek word *genos* (γένος). *Genos* means tongues of different tribes and nations. This type of tongue is

supernatural. to speak an unknown tongue that becomes instantly translated into another language. Only God can cause a man or woman to speak in a supernatural tongue that can be heard as a completely different language to another person. This occurred once in the Bible. In Acts chapter 2, 120 people spoke in “diverse” tongues. Some people heard the wonderful works of God in their native language. This was a spiritual gift called “diverse kinds” of tongues. Some people heard what sounded like a drunken mess. Then Peter began defending them, saying, these are not drunk as you suppose (Acts 2:15). On the contrary, other people heard the wonderful works of God in their native language (Acts 2:11). It is very supernatural for some people to hear the gospel in foreign languages, while other people only hear drunkenness. This is what is happening in churches today. Some listen to tongues and believe it sounds like madness or drunkenness. Some people who hear tongues can sense God's presence, and hear a message being spoken in ethnic tongue or native language. This happened to an evangelist that I know of. He was preaching a sermon in a church and was led by the Holy Ghost to speak in an unknown tongue. He spoke to the congregation in a mysterious, unknown tongue. Immediately, an elder on the front row stood up. I will call him the Holy Ghost Police. Holy Ghost Police feel like they can regulate any move of the Holy Ghost without being filled with the Holy Spirit themselves. This elder (Holy Ghost Police), with anger and determination, yelled at the speaker, "You can't do that because there is no interpretation." After the swift rebuking, an Indian lady sitting towards the back of the room shouted (paraphrase), "There is no interpretation needed because it was translated to me only; I just heard this man answer my prayer in a perfect tribal dialect within the county of India. The Lord just instructed me to do another mission trip to India. I was afraid because the last trip seemed to have failed years ago. The Holy Spirit just said my next mission trip

will be a success, and souls will be saved." The Indian lady heard her native language translated from a mysterious, unknown tongue. Pastors forbid tongues in church because there is no interpretation, and they neglect the other types of tongues. Remember, Paul tells us never to forbid tongues in 1 Corinthians 14: 39

Prophecy Relevance:

When a mysterious unknown tongue is translated, the mystery is solved because God has revealed the secret. Whatever God reveals is equivalent to prophecy because it edifies or builds up the church.

Practical Relevance to Life:

Knowing the type of tongues listed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit are speaking to men and not praying to God, let us uncover more. Please Note: 1) Speaking supernatural tongues to men and 2) interpreting tongues as spiritual gifts. But "praying" in tongues to God is not a spiritual gift listed in 1 Corinthians chapter 12.

Day 21: Tongues to Men (Speaking) II

Scripture:

- *1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
- *John 15:26 ... even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*
- *1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues ...for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:27-28 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*
- *1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

In Depth:

After the first couple of years of being saved, I did not understand what to do during praise and worship. I used to serve as an usher, helping people to their seats during church. I watched as some people danced, some people sang, and others clapped their hands and shouted. I was confused. I asked the Lord in prayer, "What am I supposed to do while everyone else is worshipping?" The Lord would later give me an answer through interpreting tongues. This church in the Washington D.C. area understood that "praying" in tongues was permitted in a large open setting because "praying" was towards God, not spoken towards men. During the Sunday service, many people began to "pray" in tongues simultaneously.

Suddenly, something supernatural happened! The lady beside me was praying in tongues, but I could hear another language. I heard, in perfect English, a voice just as clear as anyone speaking to me in person. The voice said, "Worship me in Spirit and in truth." This was an interpretation of tongues. By this time, I could speak in tongues for four years, but this was the first time I heard the voice of the Lord. I heard the voice of the Lord through an unknown tongue that was interpreted to me for my personal life. I learned to worship God personally without looking to anyone else. I later found that experience was confirmed in the Word of God as Jesus spoke in John 4:24. The Bible says the Holy Spirit will testify of Jesus, John 15:26. There have been many times I have interpreted tongues since that encounter. If God causes people to speak a tongue that is not a prayer, this tongue will come in the form of a "spoken" word to men, like a mini sermon. This is written in 1 Corinthians 14:27-28. The atmosphere will shift, and only one, two or three people will take turns "speaking" in tongues. The interpretation will edify (build you up) and is equivalent to prophecy. If you are led to "speak" in tongues instead of pray in tongues first, do so in private. If you believe God gives you an interpretation, please evaluate it. See if the interpretation is equal to prophecy. If you begin to interpret (or prophecy) accurately, then the Lord will show you that your gift can now be used in front of men to edify or build the church. If a tongue is spoken directly towards men, an interpreter or a translation is needed. (Remember, a tongue translated into a foreign language needs no interpreter.) If the tongue is prayed directly towards God, no interpreter is needed. "Praying in tongues" and "speaking in tongues" are not the same.

Prophecy Relevance:

1st Corinthians 14:15, Apostle Paul writes that the purpose of interpreting tongues is to edify the church. The Word edify (οἰκοδομῇ) in Greek means the act of building up of the person (the church) whose growth is furthered and used of the heavenly body, the abode of the soul after death. Interpretation will build the soul and spirit of the people within the body of Christ while other people are in the room.

Practical Relevance to Life:

If a person was never used in the interpretation or translation of tongues or never baptized in the Holy Ghost, do not set them up as a judge of these things. It does not matter how old they are, and it does not matter how much money they contribute to a church. Natural men cannot understand the things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14). If a person does not have the Gift of Tongues, they do not qualify to judge spiritual matters and will block prophecy.

Conclusion

Throughout the book, we have learned that speaking in tongues was prophesied by Joel, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus himself. It is important to note that receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation and being filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit are two separate events according to scripture. Paul emphasizes not to prohibit or to forbid tongues in church while highlighting the significance of praying in tongues as part of the Armor of God. Additionally, prophecy holds greater importance than tongues unless one provides interpretation. The purpose of tongues is to edify or build the church. This is true whether tongues are in a corporate setting or in private. Tongues serve both believers and unbelievers, with Jesus being the one who administers tongues and baptizes us with the Holy Ghost and fire. To discern between genuine tongues and fraudulent or demonic tongues is a skill possessed by those filled with the Holy Spirit, not for those without experience. Furthermore, it is important to differentiate between “praying” in tongues to God and “speaking” in tongues to men. It is not biblical to mandate an interpretation of tongues done in public, as there are different types of tongues, including singing, praying, and speaking with interpretation or translation. The ability to interpret or translate tongues to men is considered spiritual gifts that only some individuals may possess and operate, as God wills. Finally, it is worth noting speaking in tongues, and Holy Ghost Baptism are available to ALL who are called by God. This is confirmed by the Apostle Peter in Acts chapter 2:39. He says it is for future generations and ALL whom God will call.

Acts 2:39 “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for ALL whom the Lord our God will call.”

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