

Week 3 "Praising God & The Gift of Tongues"

1 Preparation:

* Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.

- * Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.
- * Underline the verse in *Green = Praise, Prayer*
- * Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse

Ps 34:1-3

¹ I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. ² My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

2 Review of Talk:

Who do you think makes it difficult for you to praise God? The Holy Spirit or the evil spirit? When you praise someone you get your eyes off of yourself and on them. You praise what you love. You praise what you notice. Praise is directed to who God is within Himself. Thanksgiving is directed to what God has done and is doing.

Pro 18:21

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." When we use our tongues for the praise of God we are using and releasing our tongue to bring forth life.

Living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is living in the Kingdom of God that is imbued with the Culture of the Holy Spirit. Each culture has a language. The language of the kingdom is Speaking in Tongues and the music and poetry of the Kingdom is giving praise and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity.

One of the greatest ways we can release heart through the tongue is by receiving the gift of a heavenly language, the gift of prayer tongues. Many people have an aversion to the gift of tongues. I do not think that this is theological, but that this aversion is spiritual. We do not want to be out of control. When someone is praying in tongues it looks and sounds like they are out of control. Yes, someone praying on tongues is out of control, but they are under the control of the Holy Spirit (Ro 8:26-27). The Lord Jesus says that speaking in tongues is a sign that should accompany you as a believer (Mk 16:17). St. Paul said it, "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues" (1 Cor 14:5).

What is the gift of tongues?

It is the heart overflowing through the tongue to praise God and petition for His people. It is not a matter of the mind. It is a matter of the heart. It is the soul willing the surrender to the operation of the Holy Spirit in a man's spirit expressed through the body. Praying in tongues involves the whole person.

Everyone receives their own prayer tongue. Your language is your personal language between God the Father and you. The devil does not understand your prayer tongue.

"More of the Holy Spirit"

See What do you remember from the talk?

Judge What does this talk mean to your life?

Act How is this talk calling you to live?

Lectio Divina

Lectio (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.

Meditatio (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?

Oratio (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication? Speak to God freely.

Contemplatio (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

1 st Day	Ps 34:1-3
2 nd Day	Pro 18:21
3 rd Day	Ps 51:15
4 th Day	Ro 8:26-27
5 th Day	1 Cor 14:5
6 th Day	Mk 16:17

Review

Use the included "Entering His Courts with Praise" booklet and spend a considerable amount of time praising and worshipping the Lord.