

Sermon Notes

Strength - 1Cor 14:39

March 7, 2021

I. Introduction

- a. just activating my armor and weapons...
Eph 6:18... "belt, body armor, shoes, shield, helmet, sword... thru praying in Spirit"
- b. Word offends or empowers... ultimately, your choice... pray...
Matt 13:21... "persecution... because of Word... he is offended..."
Matt 15:12... "Pharisees took offense... by what You said..."
skandalizo... *cause to distrust and desert one you ought to trust and obey; fall away...*

Psa 119:28-30... "my soul is weary... strengthen me with Your word..."
Matt 22:29... "your mistake is you don't know the power of Scripture..."
1Cor 1:18... "the word of the cross is the power of God..."

The Gospel has such power that it demands response, either hatred or passion. The heart must move... either toward Christ or away from Him. The different results are contingent on the receptivity of the soil. Pastor Matt Chandler

II. Strength

- a. before we dig into Scripture... what does medical science say about tongues...
ORU - secretes two chemicals which boost immune system by 35-40%...
Journal of Human Biology - reduction of circulatory cortisol and enhancement in alpha-amylase enzyme... both providing greater stability and resistance against stress...
Univ of PA - even when sick person did not know people were praying for them in tongues, their health improved... speaking in tongues decreases areas of stress in brain...
Psychiatry Research - study of 1000 evangelicals in England... those who spoke in tongues more emotionally stable than those who didn't... rarely suffered from mental problems...
- b. praying in Spirit is part of armor that makes it all work... lots of misunderstanding about this amazing gift of God... *don't judge philosophy by its abuses (Augustine)*...
Mark 16:17... "signs will follow believers... speak with new tongues..."
1Cor 14:5... "I wish all of you spoke in other tongues..."
1Cor 14:39... "do not forbid speaking in tongues..."
glossa... *by implication, a language, especially one unacquired naturally...*
- c. strong biblical evidence for speaking in tongues...
cts 2:4... "filled with HS... began to speak in different languages..."
Acts 19:6... "HS came on them... began to speak in other tongues..."
1Cor 12:8-11... "Spirit gave ability... to speak in other languages..."
1Cor 13:1... "if I speak in human or angelic languages..."
1Cor 14... "wish all spoke in tongues... do not forbid speaking in tongues..."
glossa... *language, especially one unacquired naturally; distinct from other nations...*
- d. not just for certain denominations... not just for early church... for all believers...
when you enter a different kingdom... you speak language of that kingdom... like the Trinity and baptisms... three different biblical uses for tongues...

John 18:36... "My Kingdom is not of this world..."
Rom 11:29... "God's gifts are irrevocable (never withdrawn)..."
1Cor 2:13... "speak words not taught by human wisdom... but taught by HS..."
Col 1:13... "rescued from kingdom of darkness... transferred to kingdom of Son..."

e. Personal

speak directly to God... enhances worship... helps us understand what God wants us to do... encourages, strengthens, comforts, revives...

Direct Access to God

Rom 8:26... "HS joins to help... don't know what to pray... HS prays for us..."
synantilambanomai... *take hold with another; help in obtaining...*
1Cor 14... "speak to God... in another language... my spirit prays with HS..."

It's Worship

1Cor 14:14-15... "sing with the spirit... sing with understanding..."
Eph 5:17-20... "understand what God wants you to do... be filled with HS... sing spiritual songs, hymns... music in your heart... give thanks..."
pneumatikos... *of God the Spirit; filled with; governed by HS...*

Encouragement / Rest / Comfort

Isa 28 (1Cor 14)... "here is a place of rest... let the weary rest here..."
1Cor 14:4... "one who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally..."
Jude 1:20... "build yourself up in your most holy faith... pray in Spirit..."
oikodomeo... *restore, repair, rebuild; grow in wisdom, love, grace, holiness, blessings...*

f. The Church

speaking in tongues also benefits the church...

1Cor 12:4-10... "God activates... different kinds of languages..."
1Cor 14:5... "interpret languages... so the church may be built up..."
1Cor 14:26-28... "speak in tongues... interpret... everything must strengthen..."
oikodomeo... *restore, repair, rebuild; grow in wisdom, love, grace, holiness, blessings...*

- g. different from personal tongues... when and if used in church... max of 2-3...
spiritual explanation... order, not chaos... never contradicts Word... encourage...
1Cor 14:2-4... "no one understands... tongues builds himself up..."
1Cor 14:5; 26-33... "speak in languages... interpret... church built up... if no one is present to interpret... must be silent and speak to God privately..."
diernemeno... *unfold the meaning of what is said, explain, translate...*

h. Unbelievers

third biblical use is for unbelievers... known language... sharing good news...
Acts 2:6-12... "hear them speaking in our language about mighty works of God..."
1Cor 14:22... "speaking in other languages is a sign for unbelievers..."

- i. how... set aside etc... baptize in HS... ask or hands... do it...
Mark 7:1-13... "reject Word to keep tradition... make Word useless..."
Acts 17:11... "people at AL... noble character... searched scriptures... find truth..."
Acts 19:6... "laid hands... HS came on them... began to speak in other languages..."
1Cor 12:8-11... "Spirit gives ability... speak in unknown languages..."

Thank you for baptizing me in the Holy Spirit and for the gift of speaking in tongues. I am a believer and believers will speak with new tongues. I receive that gift today.

Praying in the Spirit / Testimonies

Rom 8:26... *HS joins together with us to pray... HS prays for us...*

Sermon Study

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Oh, my word... I don't even know how to write all this down. Thank you so much for praying and laying hands on me to receive the gift of speaking in tongues. Holy smoke, my life has not been the same since. After I did my devotions on Sunday, I tried it out a little. I had shivers going down my spine and it was the coolest thing ever. It just filled my body as the Spirit put words in my mind. On Monday, I was studying for an exam... I know I'm studying, but I don't know if I'm remembering... and I went into the exam and it was the best final I have ever taken!! Most of the time when you take a test, it's like... I'll just move on to the next question and the next... I had none of that today. I read the first question and I was like; I know the exact answer!! Then I went on to the next and the next and the next... and with each question, I knew the answer. There was no hesitation. As I was walking back to my apartment... the Spirit laid more words on my heart and I just started saying them... and I had the biggest, stupidest grin on my face and this warmth just flooded over my body. I was filled with so much joy that when this guy walked by, he looked at me like I was crazy!! I just felt like I had so much power in me. It was incredible.

I write to you full of happiness and joy as another promise of our great Father has been fulfilled. I have had problems with my back in the past and recently hurt it again while exercising. My first thought was... oh great, here we go again. Then I began to think about Jesus Christ and what He has done for me. I thanked Him for what He had done for me on the cross and how I was healed by His stripes. Then, I began to speak in tongues... allowing the Holy Spirit to bring life to my body. As I did so, the back pain intensified. I had to remind myself that just because I may feel like I am experiencing pain... it does not mean I have not been healed. Minutes later, as I continued exercising... I instantly felt better. The very next day, I was completely pain free. Praise be to the King of Kings.

I heard about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life a couple of years ago. After listening to the messages... I started digging into the Word a little bit. As I did... God revealed to me that this was a real thing. It was truth. I decided I wanted everything God had to offer me and so I believed and received the Baptism of the Spirit in the Fall of 2016. I began speaking in tongues just a little bit at a time. It was a battle against my mind. When I would pray in tongues... there were times that I thought I was just making things up and felt like nothing was happening. There were other times I knew I was connected to God and could really feel the anointing. Over time, I continue to pray in tongues despite the battles against my mind and emotions. After a couple of years... I have seen amazing things from this gift. I've seen it work when praying for hurting or sick people and I don't know what to pray for. I've seen it work in divine appointments with people who were in need. I've seen and felt it work in my own life... bringing peace, joy, wisdom, and strength. Whatever I've needed in the different seasons of life. I'm also sure there are many other things that go unseen to me as a result of praying in tongues. Praise Jesus for this wonderful gift.

1. Read **Eph 6:10-20**. Are you using **all the pieces** of your armor? Which ones are you having trouble with?
2. Read **Matt 13:21... Matt 15:12... Psa 119:28-30... Matt 22:29... 1Cor 1:18**. In general, does the Word **offend** or **empower** you?
3. Do you **speak in tongues**? Why or why not? What does the Word say about it? Read **Mark 16:17... Acts 2:3; 19:6... 1Cor 12:8-11... 1Cor 13:1... 1Cor 14**. Is it just for **certain denominations**?
4. How does speaking in tongues **help you personally**? Read **Rom 8:26... 1Cor 14... Eph 5:17-20... Isa 28:11-12... Jude 1:20**. Take your time. Be sure and read **definitions** of important words.
5. How is tongues best used in **the church**? Read **1Cor 12:4-10... 1Cor 14:5... 1Cor 14:26-33**. How does it **differ** from speaking in tongues personally?
6. What is the **third use** of speaking in tongues? Read **Acts 2:6-12** and **1Cor 14:22**. Have you ever experienced that?
7. Why do you think this is so **controversial**? What can happen when we listen to tradition? Read **Mark 7:1-13**. What **steps will you take** after listening to this message? Read **Acts 17:7... Acts 19:6... 1Cor 12:8-11**. Please see one of our pastors if you have questions.