Praying in Tongues
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Scripture References

- 1 Corinthians 2:6, 7
- 1 Corinthians 2:7, AMPC
- 1 Corinthians 14:2, 13, 14
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- Jude 1:20, 21
- Romans 5:5
- Proverbs 20:5, AMPC
- Proverbs 18:4, AMPC
- Proverbs 10:11, AMPC
- John 7:37, 38

Summary

When we find ourselves in a situation, praying in the Holy Spirit strengthens our relationship with God, gives us supernatural wisdom and peace, and provides answers we could never find on our own. God knows exactly what we need, but sometimes we do not know the right words to express ourselves; at times like these the Spirit will intercede on our behalf. We receive so many benefits when we know how to pray in tongues that we cannot afford not to pray in this manner. Praying like this requires faith, which is a practical expression of our belief in God and in His Word. This means that instead of waiting until we eventually understand what we pray, we simply move forward and act on what we are believing for. The result is that our faith brings the manifestation of what we prayed for and the wisdom we need.

A. Speaking in tongues and praying in the Spirit moves us into the supernatural realm.

1. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory (1 Corinthians 2:6, 7).
   a. “Perfect” in this context pertains to maturity.
   b. Godly wisdom tells us what to do when we do not know what to do.
   c. Speaking the wisdom of God is a mystery to our intellectual minds because when we pray in tongues, we do not understand what we are praying.

2. But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—that wisdom which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence] (1 Corinthians 2:7, AMPC).
   a. When we pray in tongues, what we speak brings us into God’s presence. This type of prayer gives us the ability to speak His wisdom even if we cannot comprehend the words.

3. Praying in the Spirit is having a conversation directly with God. It allows us to speak hidden mysteries.
   a. 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… Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful (1 Corinthians 14:2, 13, 14).
b. For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding] (1 Corinthians 14:2, AMPC).

B. **Praying in tongues strengthens us and gives us access to wisdom greater than our own.**
   1. Speaking in tongues is a game-changer. It provides multiple benefits:
      a. It is a grace-gift. We can pray about things we don't understand and good things we don't deserve begin happening.
      b. It allows us to pray the perfect prayer because the Spirit of God helps us; we may not know what we're praying, but it is all good.
      c. It releases wisdom and enlightens us. Praying in tongues sets in motion things we do not understand, but will encounter in the future.
      d. It builds up our spirits, souls, and bodies. If we are depressed, it gives us peace; on the physical level, it strengthens our immune systems.
   2. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life (Jude 1:20, 21).
      a. Praying in the Holy Ghost is praying in tongues.
      b. After we get born again, one of the Holy Ghost's first acts is to pour God's love into our hearts (Romans 5:5).
   3. Praying in tongues allows us to draw on counsel that God put in us in the same way as drawing water from a well.
      a. Counsel in the heart of man is like water in a deep well, but a man of understanding draws it out (Proverbs 20:5, AMPC).
      b. The words of a [discreet and wise] man's mouth are like deep waters [plenteous and difficult to fathom], and the fountain of skillful and godly Wisdom is like a gushing stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-giving] (Proverbs 18:4, AMPC).
      c. The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous man is a well of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence (Proverbs 10:11, AMPC).
   4. In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:37, 38).
      a. Jesus was prophesying about the coming of the Holy Spirit, who not only comes to live in us but also gets on our tongues to help us pray.

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