

# Speaking in Tongues

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The Torah/Tanakh was the only scripture that was available to the New Covenant believers so they knew by reading and understanding throughout the old covenant that the word tongues meant languages. Thus speaking in tongues means speaking in languages in the new covenant because God does not change, His word is true. (Genesis 10:5, 20, 31; 11:5-7; Deuteronomy 28:49; Ezra 4:7; Isaiah 66:18; Jeremiah 5:15; Daniel 1:4).

There was only one church that Paul had the issue over tongue speaking with and that was the pagan province of Corinth. He admonished them and corrected their ecstatic speech over and over and explained the use of the tongue (language) movement was to take the WORD to the gentiles. This is confirmed in the book of Acts 2:6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

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### Are we in an epidemic of edifying one's self?

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Let us discern whether we should edify ourselves or should we edify the church.

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What was Paul meaning by telling them that they are edifying themselves?

The present generation are edifying themselves day and night, taking selfies, speaking trivial words with images pasted of their face in every pouting position they can conjure up, with statements of this is me doing *this* and this is me doing *that*. They have cut out the queens English and have jumbled code words and they call good, “Sick.”

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.

“Words cannot be uttered.” Praying in the spirit does not involve words, it is a heart to heart deep prayer that is silent, allowing The Father to speak to the heart of the person.

### **Preachers who love to show you how they speak in tongues.**

A very good example of this is in a story I heard one of the prosperity preachers tell how he was preaching in church and he felt urged to pray for he felt something was wrong, so he knelt down beside the pulpit and began speaking in garbled tongues. He said it was around 2.45 pm and spoke for 45 minutes in tongues, he then went on with his preaching and shortly after he completed he had a phone call from a young lady who said that there had been an explosion at her father’s factory which happened around 3pm which was 15 minutes after he began praying in tongues and that her father and other men were trapped inside and could he pray for them. He began to laugh and said I already have, they will be all fine.

Later that night around 1am the lady rang and said that all the men including her father had been found and were saved.

He credited this to his tongue speaking.

I question this as how would anyone agree. He edified himself and rambled for 45 minutes over something that the congregation could not say Amen to because they knew not what he was saying.

I believe that we are told if two or more pray in agreement then it shall be done. Matthew 18:19.

I also believe that every available person that knew the men including the lady would have been praying for the safety of these men. So their prayers could have been answered and Kenneth’s prayers just an unfruitful 45 minute babble.

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How do we know if he had said a fifteen minute prayer with the word of God and the whole congregation agreed to it, that the explosion may never had detonated. Or that the men were not trapped for hours but had an immediate escape.

He told another story of how he wanted an answer to something and prayed for 8 hours in tongues and then had an answer.

If he had prayed in the spirit as we are told to do which is in silence then the still small voice of our Lord could have told him in moments the answer he was seeking.

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### An epidemic of tongue speaking.

I am constantly amazed at the prosperity preachers who are adamant that we must speak the word. The word of God is the powerful tool by which miracles are commanded. They repeat this over and over, that if you speak the word over your life that it will manifest and then they say you have to jumble up words and speak in an ecstatic tongue language and that gets the results?

So which is it? We speak Gods word over our lives and bring about supernatural provision or we jumble up his words and speak gibberish which could be cursing and undoing all the words that we spoke over our lives. With literally hundreds of languages in the world they could be cursing in any number of them.

Yet they believe it is the tongues that are making it all come about, which is a total contradiction to what they are teaching. NO it is the determination and the desire in the heart that is getting the results and the words spoken in clarity that gets the results. The persistent effort and not giving up, but I believe that if they did not utter one gibberish word they would have the same result or better.

Speaking mysteries in the spirit? Jesus/Yashua told us his parables were mysteries and he spoke in them so as to confuse satan. He at no time said speak babble like babies. Paul constantly admonished the Corinthians for this baby gibberish talk and told them to be mature. Yet they ignore dozens of scriptures where Paul is telling them to stop this and unless there is an

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interpreter then, be silent. Also Women are to be silent and that they are not to speak in tongues, (languages). It is only men who can do this.

We will be held accountable for every idle word that comes out of our mouths. Matthew 12:36  
But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

They confuse the scriptures and self-edify. Self-glorifying to be seen for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7 And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard. **8**Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him....

Obedience is the key to the gospel. Garbled dialogue is making a mockery of the word and it is satan's tool to stop the word being spoken and he will do all he can to stop it because he cannot stand the word so the more he can get you to babble the more influence he can have on you and in you. Demonic possession is his aim and whilst you stop speaking the word and babble pagan gibberish you are open to any spirit.

### **Speak the word.**

The word of God is the powerful tool by which miracles are commanded. I totally agree with the preachers of sowing and reaping on this as Jesus/Yahshua said, He came that we may have life more abundantly. He said if you speak the word and believe, it will surely come to pass.

They repeat this point over and over, that if you speak the word over your life that which you are praying for will manifest. I believe they speak the truth. God wants us to be sons and daughters of Him and that means we are lacking in nothing. He does not see lack as a good thing and He commands that we take the gospel to the world and we know this takes a lot of money to move it and to bless and prosper people in all areas of their life. Poverty and poor health is under the curse. Elohim wants to bless us beyond measure.

The prosperity preachers then contradict their own teaching and say, you have to jumble up non-conforming words and speak in an ecstatic tongue language and that will get the results?

### **So which is it?**

We speak Gods word over our lives and bring about supernatural provision, or we jumble up his words and speak gibberish which could be cursing and undoing all the words that we spoke over our lives.

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There are literally hundreds of languages in the world, and God knows every one of them, but so does Satan know them and he could be leading you to cursing in any number of them.

The pagan Corinthians were offering prayers in ecstatic speech to their mute idols and speaking gibberish in ritualistic worship, and they were bringing this diabolical practice with them into the church.

**1 Corinthians 12:2-3.** You know that when you were pagans, you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. **3** Therefore I inform you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Yet the charismatic gospel preachers, believe it is the tongues that are making it all come about, which is a total contradiction to what the Bible says and what they are teaching?

### Determination and faith.

It is their determination and the desire in the heart that is getting the results and the words spoken in clarity that gets the results, by the persistent effort and not giving up, believing in faith that is what is bringing them untold blessings.

I believe that if they did not utter one gibberish non-word, they would have the same result or better and even sooner.

People I have told this to have responded with, "Well when you have got what they have got, I might listen to you."

They go on to attribute the great wealth of the prosperity preachers and the thousands of souls they have healed from their ministries, by attributing this to their speaking in tongues? My answer to this is, "I have exactly all that they have, I have an account in heaven and all that YAH has to give is also mine. I just haven't had the faith to receive it, Yet!"

### The following scripture is often used by tongue speakers to prove this is praying in the spirit.

**1 Corinthians 14: 2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

This does not say 'praying'.... It says 'speaking'.

We need to read the whole article and come to a clear understanding.

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1 Corinthians 14:1-10 (KJV) Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

**VERSE: 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.

\*\*The greek word used for God is 'theo' and its meaning is, a god of uncertain origin.\*\*

\*\*The word mysteries is being translated from 'mueó. Meaning initiate, instruct; pass:\*\*

We see that the Greek understanding of the verse speaking to God is meaning an uncertain god. Paul covers this again in verse 9 telling them they are just speaking into the air.

**VERSE 9:** So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Mysteries; is saying that no one understands him so it has the meaning of pass, does not initiate, or instruct. Paul is questioning what is the instruction from the gibberish?

Paul is trying to show them that the words they speak must be understood otherwise it is just a mystery, meaning it does not instruct and does not initiate but just passes over?

**VERSE 3:** But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

He goes on to show the different value of prophesy than to speak garbled words.

**VERSE: 4** He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Those who are edifying themselves are not obeying the command to love others as they do themselves. So if by your garbled speech, others are not being edified then you must do as Paul instructed.... keep silent!

**VERSE 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, that the church may receive edifying.

I have been healed from heart disease and skin cancer and back problems all in one night by a simple command. "Be healed in the name of Yahshua." Yet my hip has been a

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gradual progress of speaking healing scriptures over it for six months until it is now healed. Hallelujah! Not one babble word used in these amazing healings. Praise YAH.

Jesus/Yashua healed many in the bible and he did not speak one word of gibberish. In fact He commanded the healing, with WORDS spoken over the sick and poor. In some cases he told them that their own faith had healed them and made them whole and it was their own belief that had healed them. Nowhere did he say if you want to be healed start speaking in babbling tongues? Nowhere in the bible did we see that tongues were used to heal the sick by any of the disciples.

The tongues were for one purpose only and that was to take the WORD to the gentile nations of differing languages. Tongues means, languages all through the Old Testament so it means the same in the New.

### Speaking mysteries in the spirit?

Which is what Jesus said in John 8:31. "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples."

If the Word is taken away from our hearts, we cannot be followers of Jesus.

Garbled speech is a prime example of the WORD being taken away from our heart and an open invitation to satan to jump in.

Paul constantly admonished the Corinthians for this baby understanding and told them to be mature.

Yet still the modern movement ignores dozens of scriptures where Paul is telling them to stop this and unless there is an interpreter, be silent. Also Women are to be silent and that they are not to speak in tongues, (languages). It is only men who can do this. 1 Corinthians 13:44. This applies to the tongue speaking as the entire section was dedicated to the tongue speaking church at Corinth.

Elsewhere in the bible we see that women will prophesy and women accompanied and worked with Jesus. Paul named two women as apostles. 1 Corinthians 14:34.

What do we do then? Do we just ignore the scriptures we don't like? Do we remove it? If it is not saying what, we want it to say?

We are forbidden to add to the WORD or take from it. Babbling is adding thousands of jumbled non intelligible words which could be cursing in any other language from around the world.

**The only time we need to speak in tongues/languages is when addressing people of other languages and therefore we need an interpreter to assist so that they can understand what we are saying.**

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### A heavenly language:

There is no heavenly language spoken of in the bible. Not one scripture to say there is a language in heaven and we need to speak it? There needs to be two or more witness to everything to make it truth.

We cannot just take the following scripture and say, '*Oh good there is a heavenly language and we need to speak it,*' and then begin with babbling non intelligible words?

*1 Corinthians 13:1 ..... 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.'*

What point was Paul trying to get across when he talked about speaking in tongues of Angels? Let's take a look at the Bible verse in question:

Now the key to understanding this Bible verse about speaking in tongues of angels is in the VERY NEXT verse! What does Paul say in the next verse?

*..... 1 Corinthians 13:2 ..... 'And though I have **the gift of prophecy**, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.'* .....

This is amazing! Did any man or woman who has ever lived (except Jesus) understand **ALL** mysteries? Did any man or woman that has ever lived have **ALL** knowledge? Did any man or woman that has ever lived have **ALL** faith?

Of course not! So what is Paul trying to get at?

He's basically making the point that even, IF he or anyone could speak in all languages of men and angels, even IF he or anyone had ALL understanding and all knowledge and all faith. Even if they had ALL these things but did not show love and charity, they would have NOTHING.

He's not saying that we CAN speak in the language of men and angels, or have ALL wisdom and understanding and faith. He's just saying that IF we could do these things but still didn't show love, then they would mean nothing. By love he is meaning edifying the church with the word. That is how we show love to our fellow man by speaking the word.

Also throughout the entire bible Angels came with a distinct message. They came to give direct instruction. They did not come with confused tongues or garbled dialogue. They said, "Hark! Listen!" "Do not be afraid," and then delivered good news of a coming event that would soon come to pass.

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### **Accountability!**

We will be held accountable for every idle word that comes out of our mouths.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

How will the garbled dialogue speakers account for every word and when they see that they have cursed and said words of disrespect from other languages around the world they will be sorrowful, albeit it too late to repent.

The gibberish speakers confuse the scriptures and self-edify. Self-glorify to be seen for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7 And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him....

### **Tongues is the lesser of all the spiritual gifts.**

Paul is saying it would be great if you could all speak in languages of the gentiles. But as he was saying this to the gentiles it had little meaning to them and they wanted to carry on their pagan gibberish that they practiced for generations, to their idols.

**VERSE 6:** Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

\*Clearly the tongues must represent intelligible words of revelation or knowledge or by prophesying or doctrine. \*

**VERSE 7:** And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

**VERSE 8:** For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

\*Elohim ordered Moses to make trumpets, of silver, and brass and each trumpet call was of differing duration and structure so that the priests or the congregation, knew the meaning and could respond quickly to the call, much the same as our army today, where the bugle call has meaning, it trumpets out a message that has meaning and the army know which is their call, be it for the officers or the corporal or a call to meal times.

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Just like we hear a siren and we know if it is ambulance, or a fire engine. We can then quickly act on what we have heard. If they played any old sound it could be the ice cream truck or an advertising jingle and no one would know which direction to go.

**VERSE 9:** So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

**VERSE 1:0** There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

Paul has given them many examples of the meaning of speaking in tongues and it is clear he is talking of languages that can be understood. Words, that are intelligible.

**Nowhere in the bible does it tell us to pray in tongues.**

### **Praying in the spirit.**

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.

Words cannot be uttered!

They claim that tongues (garbled dialogue) is how to pray in the spirit? We were given many gifts by the spirit and tongues is a lesser gift. So why have they taken the gift of tongues to be the necessary gift that must be used and misused at that?

If it is the lesser then it is not what we should give to God. If they are using it to speak to God then He takes the best and first. We are to give him the best of our talents and gifts, a prize bull or our first born son. He does not take a lesser gift and then have it babbled at him so that He cannot speak to us.

Elohim doesn't need to hear what we are talking about? He already knows our thoughts, so He needs us to listen so He can speak to us. As though God would need us giving Him garbled, jumbled words that could also be curse words.

That is why praying in the spirit is a silent prayer, an opening of the heart to allow Him to speak to us in our hearts.

Paul clearly told us in Romans 8:26, that praying in the spirit is going into your heart and allowing God to speak to you heart to heart, with NO WORDS UTTERED. A place where satan cannot go. Satan doesn't know our thoughts. Satan can hear our speaking but when praying in the spirit he does not know what our intimate prayers are, so he cannot interfere. Romans 8:26.

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Praying in the spirit means a heart to heart with God. Think of a loved one, and the times that are most intimate and memorable, are when you sincerely have a good heart to heart.

I wonder how you would feel at such a time that you opened your heart and began to allow your inner most feelings to be shared with a loved one and their response was, Blah, bob kora doo, and they kept it up for minutes or even several hours and would not allow you to share your heartfelt feelings and thoughts but kept you blocked out of the conversation? Would you feel loved or edified? OF COURSE NOT!

Yet that is how tongue prayers are treating the one who they are supposed to give their whole heart, mind and strength to.

When people are gibberish speaking and not using the word of God, satan can use and influence, manipulate and even possess.

Obedience is the key to the gospel. Garbled dialogue is making a mockery of the WORD and it is satan's tool to stop the word being spoken and he will do all he can to stop it, because he cannot stand the WORD, so the more he can get you to babble the more influence he can have on you and in you. The more he can stop your prayers from going through the greater victory he has.

Demonic possession is his aim and whilst you stop speaking the word and babble pagan gibberish you are open to any spirit. We are told to test every spirit. How do you test the gibberish?

### **Satan's Ploy.**

Satan's ploy is to cause noise and distraction to clutter the air waves. That is exactly what you do when you pray in garbled dialogue. How do you suppose you will hear the still small voice if you are gabbling and rambling?

Satan doesn't want YAH's word spoken so if he can get you all talking gibberish it not only is making a mockery of the gift of tongues (languages) but it is giving an opening for seducing spirits to speak through you, it is blocking you from hearing the still small voice and it is the height of rudeness to think that almighty God wants you to talk baby talk at him?

Yahshua is \*The WORD\* Therefore He cannot speak garbled dialogue, or that would make him a liar.

His word is truth and there is no gibberish in His bible.

His word is sharper than a two edged sword and that is why satan doesn't want you speaking it.

The more he can distract you. The less words there are to edify the church, the greater satan's plan succeeds.

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We are accountable for every word we speak and as Paul said of one of the Corinthians who started using gabled dialogue and actually cursed Jesus without knowing it.

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### The Torah/Tanakh describes tongues as languages.

The word tongues was used throughout the old covenant and it meant languages, thus speaking in tongues means speaking in languages in the new covenant because God does not change, His word is true. (Genesis 10:5, 20, 31; 11:5-7; Deuteronomy 28:49; Ezra 4:7; Isaiah 66:18; Jeremiah 5:15; Daniel 1:4).

Further, there are two passages in the Old Testament which prophesied the coming of the Holy Spirit - Isaiah 28:9-13 and Joel 2:28-29. Isaiah deals with tongues, while Joel deals with prophecy; all pointing to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Peter makes reference to Joel on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down and baptized the 120 disciples with evidence in speaking in tongues. "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:15-18)

While teaching on the subject of the gifts of prophesy and tongues, the apostle Paul refers to Isaiah in 1 Corinthians 14:21. He also shows that tongues-speaking is part of God's covenant curse upon a rebellious people (see Deuteronomy 28:49).

### EVERY ONE HEARD THEM IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

**Acts 2: 8** How is it then that each of us hears them in his own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,...

Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

The entire purpose of tongues was to speak to the gentiles and even then we are forbidden to speak unless we have an interpreter. Just as we do today when we cannot communicate with someone from another language we take along an interpreter.

1 Corinthians 14:28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

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This clearly says unless you can understand what the person is saying and you can interpret it then do not speak.

1 Corinthians 14: 9 So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air. 10 Assuredly, there are many different languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning....

That is so plain to understand. Paul is telling you not to speak garbled dialogue. Only in Corinth did this happen in a pagan Roman Church and Paul told them not to do it!!!!

Where is it in scripture that you saw Jesus/Yashua or the apostles pray out loud in garbled dialogues, or even is secret to God? Yashua told us how to pray to the father and that is given us in the Lord's prayer, if we were to talk jumbled words that is the time He would have told us to do this. He did not.

Praying in the spirit is Romans 8:26. No words, just a deep intense heart felt prayer.

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Jesus/Yashua is telling us when we want to connect with him go into our closet. Then telling us when the door is shut, in other words, 'shut your mouth'. The secret place is your heart. No one can know the thoughts and intents of your heart, but God.

The body is a similitude of the temple. The holy of holies was deep into the temple and it was only the high priest could enter. We can now go before into that secret place and before the throne of grace and speak with God heart to heart.

**1 Corinthians 14:6** Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

Paul tirelessly taught and explained the meaning of tongues (languages) he gave example after example so that the confused speech of the pagan Corinthians would cease to be used.

**So with yourselves; if you in a tongue utter speech that is not intelligible, in a language that no one understands how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. (1 Corinthians 14:8-9)**

**Paul follows that with an illustration from the realm of languages:**

**There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning; but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with**

**yourselves; since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. (1 Corinthians 14:10-12)**

**Therefore, he who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. (1 Corinthians 14:13)**

That says that when Yah gave the gift of tongues, as he did in that 1st century church, very obviously, he also gave with it the gift of interpretation. So Paul urges them that if they can exercise the gift of tongues they ought to expect and pray to exercise the gift of interpretation. Then he brings his own practice in again:

**For if I pray in a tongue, "I know," he says, in effect my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. (1 Corinthians 14:14 )**

**What am I to do? (1 Corinthians 14:15)**

Well, the answer is obvious. He has just told us. He should interpret. That is what he does.

**I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; (1 Corinthians 14:1)**

"If I am going to speak in tongues in a church," he says, "I will never do it unless I interpret what I say. I will pray with the mind also."

**The only time we would use the gift of tongues now is if visiting a foreign land and we would have someone with us who could speak the English language as well as the language of those we are speaking to. Otherwise keep quiet!!**

**I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also. "I will never do one without the other." For, he says Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how can any one in the position of an outsider say the "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified. (1 Corinthians 14:15-17)**

**I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all; nevertheless, in church:**

**I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue." (1 Corinthians 14:18-19)**

That is a strong emphasis, and it raises the question, "When did the Apostle Paul speak in tongues?" He obviously does not intend to do it in church -- he would much rather exercise his gift of prophesying there.

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Well, when did he do it?

Modern Charismatics and Pentecostals tell us, "Ah, this proves that the gift of tongues is for private use, to be used at home as a prayer language."

Nowhere in the Word of God is the exercise of the gift of tongues ever a private matter. It was never a prayer language.

Paul also was a business man, he owned a tent making business and he traded all around the known world. He supplied and delivered with ships, so he would have known many languages and dialects and he would also use the gift to communicate with foreign Jews who came to the temple during the festivals.

He taught at the temple daily so he would use the gift of languages constantly. This is why he did it more than anyone else.

Corinth was a quiet province in Rome and would not have the influx of people of differing languages as the cosmopolitan city of Jerusalem. At Corinth they were participating in the garbled ecstatic speech of pagan babble, which we are not to mix into our worship.

Deuteronomy 12:30-32 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

Verse 31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

**God hates how pagans serve their gods. We know that the pagan custom of sacrificing of children was accompanied with abominable tongue babble called glossolia and continues in witch craft circles to this day with ecstatic speech and rituals of demonic evil.**

"Tongues is practiced among non-Christian religions: the Peyote cult among the North American Indians, the Haida Indians of the Pacific Northwest, Shamans in the Sudan, the Shango cult of the West Coast of Africa, the Shago cult in Trinidad, the Voodoo cult in Haiti, the Aborigines of South America and Australia, the Eskimos of the subarctic regions of North America and Asia, the Shamans in Greenland, the Dyaks of Borneo, the Zor cult of Ethiopia, the Siberian shamans, the Chaco Indians of South America, the Curanderos of the Andes, the Kinka in the African Sudan, the Thonga shamans of Africa, and the Tibetan monks."

It is used to conjure up evil spirits and where ever it is heard you can bet legions of demons are there and surrounding the person who is delving into this practice.

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**Do you honestly think God would want even one part of their demon induced pagan practices being verbalized in His church? Yet when you participate you bring into your atmosphere the same demons and give them access to your worship.**

God will not be mocked and this pagan worship is a direct ploy of satan to confuse the speech give his demonic principalities ties and connections to you and your church worship.

The day of Pentecost was a reversal of the tongue (language) confusion and God lifted this so that gentiles could hear and understand the news being noised abroad.

Every manifestation of tongues in the New Testament, without exception, is a public demonstration -- on the Day of Pentecost, when the Apostles spoke in their own language and the hearers heard it in their language. In the home of Cornelius, where many were assembled, in the synagogue at Ephesus, as referred to in Acts Chapter 19 -- these were the only three places where the gift of tongues was said to have been exercised outside of this one in Corinth, and they were all public manifestations. Where the apostles spoke to the gentiles and the gentiles understood them in their own language.

It was a gift to take the gospel to the gentiles. They were sent out into the world into many differing dialects and languages and impossible to learn them all so God's gift meant they could speak and be understood, so that the church and news of the kingdom could spread rapidly.

Today if travelling the world we take an interpreter with us and that is what it was intended for, to interpret.

Do you understand? Tongues were for building the kingdom by taking it to the gentiles it is not some gibberish to be babbled at church or in private prayers.

Paul confirms these words of the apostle's, he goes on to tell us in a brief paragraph what the designated purpose of the gift of tongues was. He opens it with a word of caution (Verse 20):

**Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature. (1 Corinthians 14:20)**

Why does he introduce that exhortation here in the midst of this? Well, because there was a type of tongues in Corinth. In the mystery religions there was this kind of babbling, ecstatic sound that sounded very much like a language that had never been learned. It could only be described as the babble of a baby.

Therefore, he is warning these Corinthians: "Now investigate this matter. Do not be naive like a child and just assume that everything you hear is the biblical gift of tongues,

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(language) because it is not. So his warning is that satan is so sly that you may even think you are speaking a language from another culture, when in actual fact you are being seduced into garbled babbling. So even if you can speak other languages you must carefully discern and have an interpreter so that you can be sure that you are actually speaking the true language and not a gibberish that allows satan access into the church.

In evil you do not have to investigate. When you know something is evil, stay away from it; you do not need to delve into it and probe it and try to find out; it is evil.

But when it comes to matters concerning spiritual gifts, grow up in your thinking and investigate." Then Paul gives us the basis upon which we may judge.

He goes back to the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament, to the prediction of tongues in the whole of the Bible, and tells us that this is what will govern our decision:

Does it fulfill the predicted purpose for the gift of tongues? Verse 21:

**In the law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." Thus, tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophesying is not for unbelievers but for believers. (1 Corinthians 14:21-22)**

You could hardly ask for plainer language, could you? The gift of tongues is a sign. A sign to whom? Well, the quotation from Isaiah 28 makes it clear (Isaiah 28:11): Isaiah was speaking to the whole nation of Israel at a time when the Assyrians were knocking at the doors of Jerusalem, threatening to capture it. Through the prophet, Yah is warning the nation that, if they do not repent and turn from their evil and idolatrous ways, they are going to hear foreigners talking in the Holy City; they are going to hear Gentile tongues filling the streets of that city. It is a warning to Israel to face up to their relationship with Yah lest he turn from them to the Gentile world.

Now that was the scene and the setting of Isaiah's words. One hundred years later they were completely fulfilled when the Babylonians came in and did take over the city and the streets of Jerusalem were filled with foreigners speaking strange tongues. If you read the Day of Pentecost in that light you will see how fully that accords with this prediction, for, on that day, when the streets of Jerusalem were filled with thousands and thousands of people, largely Jews, who had come from all the nations around, they heard the disciples speaking these strange, Gentile languages they had never learned. It was a sign to unbelieving Jews that God was about to turn from Israel's favored position and go to the Gentile world. On that day, remember, Peter stood up and warned them that they were facing the judgment of God, being convicted in their hearts, that was why they said, "Men and brethren, what must we do?" (Acts 2:37), and three thousand of them turned to God because of that, while the rest of the city, the mass of the population, remained in unbelief.

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That is what Isaiah said would happen, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." (Isaiah 28:11). So Paul says that is the purpose for the gift that is why he used it in synagogues wherever he went, because it would be a sign of warning to unbelieving Jews that God was turning to the Gentiles.

An ecstatic language is not the biblical gift of tongues. It is not from the Holy Spirit and it has nothing to do with praying in the spirit.

Paul called the Corinthians 'Mad and "Barbarian' for their continued insistence of speaking babbled dialogue. Now does that sound like something he approved of or that God approves of? NO God hates it!

1 Corinthians 14:11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me.

1 Corinthians 14: **22** Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for believers, not for unbelievers.

**VERSE 23;** 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?

### Modern tongue speaking.

The Pentecostal churches are rife with this ecstatic gibberish. We are commanded to test every spirit so how do you test gibberish coming from someone? Satan is constantly speaking to us and leading us away from the word. If allowing yourself to be taken over by his spirit when you begin to speak unintelligible words that are not in the Holy Bible you are open to confusion and to be misguided.

How do we test every spirit? We turn to the Word and ask is what I am saying in the bible? Believe me there is not one scripture of babble in the bible. The bible is the WORD of God and He does not babble like a baby and neither should you!

It is part of pagan worship. It is common amongst pagan nations to babble and it is rife in witch craft and demonic spirits that can speak through you and it attracts these to you. YAH would never require us to pray and worship in a manner of pagans. He advises that we are not to do as the pagans do in their worship.

He tells us to never assume that He would like to be worshipped in the way those who worship other gods worship them.

The gift of tongues is the ability to interpret languages and speak in differing languages, so that we can fulfill the commission to "Go ye into the whole world and preach my gospel" Mark 16:15. It is not and never was the gibberish of the pagan nations. It is very

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strong in witch craft circles. Ask yourself would Yahshua mix His word of the bible with pagan witches and demonic practices.

### **The Gift of Tongues means languages!**

It was never intended to be the cult like following they have today. It is rising up in many religions and that shows that satan is behind it and it is allowing demonic entities into the worship.

YAH's words are true and He is the WORD therefore how do you speak to Him in gibberish? It is the height of rudeness. He knows our thoughts so He doesn't need garbled gibberish said to Him.

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

### Summary of Satan's Three Strategies

In summary, Satan has three strategies to take away the Word of God.

1. First, he often acts immediately as soon as the Word is heard to make people inattentive, or cause them to feel ill-will, or to simply be so ignorant of spiritual reality they can't grasp what's being said. A spirit of tiredness can come over you as often seen in church pews where people fall asleep. This could be because they are not being nourished by the preacher but it is also a demon induced sleepy-ness.
2. Second, he comes in after the Word has been received with joy and attacks it with hard times. He convinces some that holding fast to the Word is not worth the trouble. I have heard it said by church members that prior to church life satan left them alone and they are tired of the attacks and some walk away from church thinking this is so. When the opposite is actually the truth.
3. Third, he comes in where the Word has begun to take root and strangles it with and manner of excuses and sneaky maneuvers to lead your thoughts away from the WORD. Speaking in tongues is a perfect example to stop the heart to heart intimacy with Jesus/Yahshua and have you concentrating on your mouth and jumbling up words and not in the moment as it takes your focus away from the intimate prayer time.

### Conclusion:

Receive the power-packed seed of the Word of God. And His church will overflow with fruit—thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold. May the Lord destroy the work of the devil and make us a fruitful people by his Word.

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*Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'..." (Luke 10:27).*

Satan's greatest desire is to prevent you from giving God *all* of your heart so he will constantly dangle people, things, and desires in front of you – anything to distract you, so he can erect a false god in front of you, that you don't even realize you have.

Praying in the spirit is a silent prayer heart to heart with God and it is quiet and listening for the still small voice. Satan doesn't want you having intimacy with God and if he can keep you babbling and edifying yourself, he can keep you from receiving the still small voice and stops you from edifying the church as Satan fears the church, because when it does fully take up its cross and walk with it, nothing in its path will stand.

**Ephesians 4:29:** *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen"*

Greek meaning of unwholesome is, rotten or worthless.

Garbled non intelligible words are worthless words. To some they have become an idol. They do this against multiple scriptures that tell us not to do it and they twist a few to make it sound right to their own itching ears. Yet when asked to show it from the WORD they cannot and have a notion that they have some extra knowledge and that we all need to try it. That is Satan's way, not God's way. Just as he enticed Eve and said try it, just take a bite of it, it will give you extra knowledge and from that moment forward she was on a whole different path. There could be nothing more worthless than made up words that do not resemble anything in the bible. To tamper with God's word is to tempt fate with your own soul.

The words spoken must be a benefit to those who listen and they must be from the written WORD of Almighty GOD!

Amen.

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