



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: How to Speak in Tongues

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Recharge Your Battery | The Gift Of The Holy Spirit

Prayer Focus

"Father God, thank you for promising to send me your Holy Spirit, and for following through according to your Word. Holy Spirit, lead and guide me into all truth. I can't rightly live this life without your leading, your equipping, and your power, so fill me to overflowing with your presence. Show me what you have for me, and grow the things in me that you see fit. I love you, Lord, and I submit to your influence over my life so that I might know you more as I help others to do the same. Amen."

Key Truths

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven is not about where we're going when we die, it's about getting Heaven's culture into us here and now on earth. Jesus' business was the good news of the Kingdom, and His disciples preached Jesus' name and the Kingdom.

Part of Jesus' present day ministry is that He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. Even when He was with us in the flesh, He was the one who laid His hands on His disciples, breathed on them, and told them to receive the Holy Spirit.

When we get saved, the Holy Spirit comes into us for our benefit. He is there to lead, guide, and teach us, while reminding us that God is our Father. When we get baptized in the Holy Spirit, He comes upon us in power to be a witness and a benefit for others. It's about us being an extension of the Kingdom of God into this world to bring the world into alignment with our Father's perfect love, plan, and domain.

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit is what gives us power today to walk as Jesus walked, with all of His miracle-working ability, and to be witnesses for Him in this world. It's something that is God's desire for everybody, not just Jesus' disciples in the past. Just because we've confessed

Jesus as our Lord and been water baptized, it doesn't mean we've received everything that the Father has for us.

One benefit of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is receiving a new spiritual language in which we can speak to God through, spirit to spirit. English works fine to communicate our known needs with God, but there are many things we either don't know, or don't know how to pray for, that praying in the spirit—praying in tongues—accomplishes for us.

Why would anyone want to speak in tongues? Some people think it's just for the super spiritual, or that it's some spooky thing to do. In reality, the Bible says that when we do, we speak mysteries that we don't know directly with God Himself. It is our mouth moving, but the Spirit is speaking through us. Other people won't understand what we're saying, but that isn't the point. We speak to God, He hears, and He knows.

Praying in tongues brings supernatural revelation to us. The mysteries that we speak take root in our heart and God makes them grow. Praying this way gives us the rest that we need to be able to walk in all that God has for us and grows in us.

Praying in tongues builds up our spirit, because it is our spirit that is bypassing our physical mind to speak with God the things that we need to by the power of His Holy Spirit. Doing so gives us peace because we know that everything we need to pray is being covered, even the things we aren't aware of. We may not know where we need to be built up spiritually, but God does. Just like the charging of a battery, there needs to be another source of power that we are being filled up by and praying in tongues is a way that we can make sure our spiritual battery gets what it needs from our Father.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it down here:

Practical Application

Imagine your closest relationship with your best friend. Imagine spending time with them, having conversation, and getting to know each other even better, past the point of being able to finish each other's sentences. You'd talk in person and on the phone, go places together, hang out, celebrate life, and even cry together sometimes.

Now imagine one day that suddenly the only way for you two to communicate was through mailing letters. You never picked up the phone, you've stopped meeting up in person to talk and be together. How much would that relationship diminish? How much would you be able to say that you both were getting the most out of that relationship, and allowing it to be all that it can be?

When we sacrifice things in our relationship with God, things that He has freely given us to strengthen that relationship, it's like us putting down the phone to never call our friend again or

setting our car keys on the counter and forgetting where that friend lives. That relationship with our friend can't possibly be what it could be if we engaged with them through every means available to us. Likewise, our relationship with our Heavenly Father can't be all that it was destined to be if we neglect the ways of engaging with Him that are freely available to us. These things are provided for us in order to connect, relate, and strengthen our relationship with Him all while growing in the identity that He created.

Stop what you're doing, if you're able to, and take a moment to pick that phone back up, grab those car keys, and visit your Heavenly Father—your friend. Speak to Him in a language that He hears, knows, and understands, which builds up and strengthens you. Begin to speak, and watch as His Holy Spirit gives your mouth the words to say in other tongues—your prayer language.

Key Verses

- Matthew 3:11
- Acts 1:2-6, 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 19:1-6
- John 20:21-22
- Mark 16:16
- 1 Corinthians 14:2-5,14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Jude 1:20-22
- Romans 8:26-27
- Isaiah 28:9-13

Declarations

"I accept the free gift from God of the Holy Spirit, and I give way to His power working in my life. I take up everything that God has for me to engage in a relationship with Him so that I might be the person that He created and destined me to be. Praying in tongues is not simply for the super spiritual, it's for me and for my edification. As I step out and speak, I do so in faith that the Spirit speaks through me to build my faith, bring revelation, and to make me a witness in this world for Christ."

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Matthew 3:11 NKJV I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Acts 1:3 NKJV ...to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

John 20:21-22 NKJV So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5 NKJV "...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...

John 20:21 NKJV "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Acts 19:1-2 NKJV And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:5-8 & 12 NKJV Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city...But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:14-16 KJV 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.)

1 Corinthians 14:14 KJV For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Acts 2:4 NKJV And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4 TWENTIETH CENTURY They began to speak with strange tongues as the spirit prompted their utterance.

Mark 16:18 NKJV "...lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless...

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

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1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJV He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

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Jude 21 NKJV ... keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Romans 8:26-27 NKJV Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 14:21-22A NKJV In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign...

Isaiah 28:9-11 NKJV "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people...

Isaiah 28:12 NKJV “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”...

Isaiah 28:13 NKJV But the word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,”

1 Corinthians 14:5 NKJV I wish you all spoke with tongues...

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