

God's Ministries to His Own

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The teaching portion of this letter, where I talk to you about learning how to hear from God, was written before the terrible attack of September Eleven. Later I realized that this teaching holds a very important and very relevant message—not just for life in general, but for times when we need to specifically and clearly recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit in order to be led by Him out of dangerous situations or circumstances.

It isn't that we don't grieve or mourn the great loss of life or pay attention to the changes that have taken place. Believe me, we do; but it is certainly alright to experience the absence of fear and torment even in the midst of fear and torment even in the midst of a great tragedy.

That supernatural kind of peace is an indicator that you have been praying and standing in faith, doing those things that you know to do. It's also an indicator that you are hearing from God. I want to explain this last indicator a little further because it is so important to develop the ability to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit—your Teacher sent by Jesus to guide you, to direct you, and to tell you of things to come (John 16:12-13).

“I have yet many things to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall He Speak: and He will show you things to come.”

When I was young in the Lord, I heard people say, “The Lord spoke to me,” When I heard that, I'd sometimes ask them, “But *where* did He speak to you?”

“He spoke way down deep, deep in my spirit.”

“Would you please identify the approximate region?”

“Well, I guess it's the belly button area, or maybe a little higher than the belly button. After all, Jesus said, '**OUT OF YOUR BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.**'”

That response did not satisfy me, so I kept seeking God for the answer to that question. “*Just where does God communicate with us? I wondered. And where does the Holy Spirit create His supernatural language in our Spirits?*”

Then more than twenty years ago, God cleared up my confusion about that subject. While I was praying in my prayer closet, He gave me an inner vision. In that vision, I saw both the outer man and the inner man of an individual. The outer man, the fleshly man, was the darkest of the figures. The soul was another shade lighter, and the spirit man was absolutely light. As I watched, I saw the Holy Spirit literally creating or bringing into existence His supernatural language in my spiritual mind, which was actually encased within the natural mind of my outer man.

You see, what science has labeled the subconscious is actually the spiritual mind. Scientists say that it possesses incredible ability that far exceeds the operational capacity of the physical brain; so when the Holy Spirit creates His supernatural language in you, those tongues come from the deep recesses of your spiritual mind, which lies within your physical mind. This explains the fact that when the Holy Spirit speaks, it is not a surface speaking. It comes from the depths of that spiritual mind. That's where the Holy Spirit creates His language and transfers it to your spirit.

Now, when you are praying in tongues, your mind is free to think of other things as you allow that supernatural language come out of your mouth. For instance, you can read the Word as you pray in tongues. This is a practice I have developed over my many years of praying in the Spirit. As you read the Word while praying in tongues, the Holy Spirit will often impart revelation to your mind or your understanding.

“Can I just pray in tongues in my mind?” Yes, it is possible. The Holy Spirit’s language can bypass your tongue and drift up to your mind, causing you to actually “hear” the tongues in your natural mind. However, in order to finish the channel of prayer, you can’t just pray in tongues in your mind. Eventually your mind will shift over to something else and dismiss the tongues, and you’ll find that you aren’t praying anymore.

That supernatural language needs to come out of your mouth. Actually, your tongue acts as the doorway through which your authority is released from your human spirit into this natural world. When that authority is released, your prayers bring God’s purposes to pass in the earth.

That doesn’t mean you must speak loudly when you pray in tongues. Just look at what First Corinthians 14:28 says in regard to speaking in tongues:

“But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the Church; and LET HIM SPEAK TO HIMSELF, AND TO GOD.

You can speak to yourself when you speak in tongues. In other words, you can pray so quietly that no one can even hear you. Nevertheless, you are edifying yourself because you are speaking to yourself and it is coming out of your mouth.

You see, when you pray in tongues for awhile, it opens the channel to the part of your spirit where God communicates to you. That’s why you will find that, if you pray in tongues for a minute or two and then stop, those tongues will keep coming up to your mind. If God then speaks to you in your native language, His words will come through the exact same channel the tongues came through to your mind. This is often the way God brings the interpretation of the tongues you are speaking. Once the tongues open the channel to the spirit, the interpretation can come through that same channel.

Now that I can open that channel, God speaks to me often. I know how to shut down my natural senses in the middle of all kinds of chaos and monitor that part of my spirit from which God’s voice comes up to my natural mind. I can listen for His words in English. I can receive a vision or discern His inner witness or a check in my Spirit. No matter how much turmoil surrounds me, I can shut down and wait for something to come through the channel of my Spirit—and so can you!

You should keep in mind that the only reason I can teach on these truths in detail is that God has taught them to me in detail. But God couldn’t have done that unless I had learned how to open that channel between God and me through praying in tongues!

As you consistently pray in tongues, God’s communication to you through that channel becomes stronger, clearer, and more definite! The more you give yourself to prayer, the more rest He is able to bring forth from your new nature. The more rest you live in, the more you’re able to shut down your natural senses, monitor that channel, and listen to the voice of God.

Through that channel God speaks to you in your native language; He leads you by the inner witness; He gives you visions; and He communicates to you by revelation. It comes from that same channel through which the tongues float up to your natural mind.

So I encourage you to begin praying in tongues. Just give your authority over to the Holy Spirit and allow Him (the Holy Spirit), letting that supernatural language flow. After praying for a while, stop and listen with your spiritual ears. You will find that those same tongues will continue to come up to your mind for a moment or two. At that point, you’ll be able to identify that channel through which the Holy Spirit transfers His language to your Spirit.

Now let’s look at something else that Paul said in 1st Corinthians 14:12: **“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.”**