## THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES

Tongues & Adoration

- I. We can express adoration in other tongues-1Co14:14-If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also [worship with music, sing psalms, sing praises to God in song]. 16Else when thou shalt bless [speak well of, thank, praise, Hb13:15] with the spirit, how shall he that occupies the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, [express gratitude] seeing he understands not what thou sayest? 17For you verily give thanks well [excellently], but the other is not edified
  - A. <u>Singing, blessing, thanksgiving is adoration</u>-Honor one in high esteem; Thanksgiving, worship, glorify, magnify, praise, affection and respect
  - B. There are tongues to God and The Holy Spirit can give us the utterance to praise God in a tongue unknown to our understanding and God receives it and understands it and adoration done like this is done well-1Co14:2-He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men but unto God...<sup>28</sup>no interpreter...keep silence in the church...speak to himself and to God
    - 1. This is one way we worship God in spirit-Jn4:24-Must worship him in spirit and in truth-1Co14:15-I will sing with the spirit
  - C. The head (natural understanding) and the flesh is a weight, a hindrance, a burden to everything we want to do spiritually-Ga5:17-Flesh lusts [desires, pulls] against the Spirit-2Co5:4-We that are in this tabernacle do groan being burdened-Rm8:6-Carnal mind is enmity against God-Is55:8-My thoughts are not your thoughts-Pr3:5-Lean not to your own understanding
    - The head, the flesh can keep your spirit from expressing what it wants to express or foul up what your spirit wants to express-Expressing adoration in tongues we bypass our head/flesh, get the utterance from the Holy Spirit and express it to God with our spirit
  - D. Real worship ministers to The Lord-Ps69:30-I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock-Ac13:2-Ministered to the Lord-Ps141:2-Let my prayer (hymn) be set forth before you as incense (odor) and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice-Hb3:8-Harden not your hearts as in the provocation (irritation)...10I was grieved with that generation-Ma2:17-Wearied the Lord with your words
  - E. God shows up and does things in adoration because honor begats honor-1Sm2:30-Them that honor me I will honor-Js4:8-Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you-Ps22:3-Inhabits praises-Lk17:16-Giving him thanks
- II. Adoration benefits us-Ps92:1-It is a good (prosperity/welfare/benefit) thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto your name
  - A. Like the sun emanates with all that is necessary for life and prosperity on earth God emanates with all that is necessary for life and prosperity for man
    Ps84:11-God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory-Pr16:15-In the light of the king's countenance is life-Nm6:24-Make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you...lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

- B. Revelation in creation-Ps19:1-The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
- C. The backside of the moon is cold and dark while the side that faces the sun radiates with light and warmth (because it is absorbing and reflecting what it's facing)—To absorb and reflect what God emanates with we must face Him and if the face/focus/heart is turned away from The Lord we get dark, weak, dull, dumb-Rm8:6-Carnally minded is death
- D. Adoration turns heart to The Lord where we are looking at and facing Him and when we do we absorb (receive) and reflect (bear) what He emanates with-Ps69:30-I will praise (turning and shining) the name of God with a song and will magnify him with thanksgiving-Praise-AH-A man with his arms raised looking at a great sight; A looking toward; Shining Ps34:5-They looked unto him and were lightened (shine, radiant, to beam)
  - 1. Adoration requires and engages the heart, the mind and the mouthMost important territories in spiritual things; If they get going
    the wrong direction you'll have problems-Rm8:6-To be carnally
    minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peacePr18:21-Death and life are in the power of the tongue-Pr4:23-Keep
    your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life
  - 2. What makes adoration powerful-Not songs, music, or religious activity with the mouth, but the focus of the heart, mind, mouth
- E. If you want to live/prosper you MUST look at Him-Being bit there's a lot to look at (pain, swelling, redness, vomiting, nausea, breathing) and if they center up on the symptoms they'll die-Nm21:8-Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass that every one that is bitten when he looks upon it shall live.9 Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived
  - 1. It matters what we look at-Rm8:6,Mt14,Hb12:2,Rm4:18
  - 2. No matter what I'm facing if I'll face Him, I'll receive and bear everything I need to overcome whatever is facing me-2Ch20, Ps121
- III. Getting the mind to quiet, getting in the spirit and getting your focus on The Lord is a major key in every situation—You can get in your head and operate out of your head and even try to work spiritual principles in the flesh and it'll produce nothing (Jn6:63), but in the spirit are the answers and adoration in other tongues is one big way you can get there