

Living a Life of Clarity

1 Corinthians 14

Outline:

A- Prophecy vs. “Tongues” (1-25)

- a. Prophecy superior to tongues (1-5)
- b. Limitations of tongues (6-12)
- c. Effectiveness of language (13-19)
- d. Don't be stupid (20-25)

B- Gatherings (26-40)

- a. Orderly communication (26-33)
- b. Caution to wives (33-35)
- c. The bottom line (36-40)

REMEMBER:

The Corinthians were spiritual infants!

(1 Cor.3:1-2)

v.1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

v.20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babies, but in your thinking be mature.

v.26 ...Let all things be done for edification.

v.33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace...

v.40 But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

“Tongue” = “Language”:

γλωσσα
לשון
lingua } “Language”

It all begins at...

“Babel” = בבל ↔ לבב
“Heart”

1Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Master Yeshua the Messiah, that you all agree speak the same thing, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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... each and every utterance that emerged from the mouth of the Almighty divided into seventy languages, a great host. And, similarly, the school of R' Yishmael taught with regard to the verse: *"Behold, is My word not like fire, declares Adonai, and like a hammer that shatters a rock?"* (Jer. 23:29). Just as this hammer breaks a stone into several fragments, so too, each and every utterance that emerged from the mouth of the Holy One, blessed be He, divided into seventy languages.

Tongues: A Brief History

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| 1. Mt. Sinai | (see above) | } |
| 2. Acts 2:1-8 | <u>Jews</u> | |
| 3. Acts 8:14-1 | <u>Samaritans</u> | |
| 4. Acts 10:44-46 | <u>Gentiles (in Israel)</u> | |
| 5. Acts 19:6 | <u>Gentiles (outside Israel)</u> | |

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Two Approaches:



Historical

The languages under discussion were human languages (possibly Hebrew in particular).

Charismatic

The languages under discussion were spiritual languages given supernaturally by the holy spirit.

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“Prophecy”:

προφητεω

נבא

propheto



אבן

“Stone”

Revelation 19:10

... For the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy.

Discussion Questions:

- Paul states that God is not the author of confusion (v.33). But didn't God confuse the languages at Babel?
- What should be our attitude toward the topic of "tongues"?
- Define prophecy. Do you desire this gift? What steps can you take toward acquiring it?
- By what other terms might we call "prophecy" today?
- Discuss the power of the wife in a holy gathering.

NOTES:

1Corinthians 3:1-2 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Messiah. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready.

Genesis 11:1-9 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And Adonai came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And Adonai said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ **Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.**" ⁸ So Adonai dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Adonai confused the language of all the earth. And from there Adonai dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-8 When the day of Shavuot arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the holy spirit and began to speak in other languages as the spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own dialect. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native dialect?"

Acts 8:14-17 [Peter in Samaria] Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the holy spirit, for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been immersed in the name of the Master Yeshua. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the holy spirit.

Acts 10:44-46 [Peter in Caesarea] While Peter was still saying these things, the holy spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the holy spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 19:6 [Paul in Corinth] And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the holy spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Numbers 11:25 Then Adonai came down in the cloud and spoke to [Moses], and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**...

Acts 21:8-9 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. **He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.**