

The Vocal Gifts Part 2: Prophecy, Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues!

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, *diversities of tongues* (languages).

Paul says God has placed people in the Body who speak **different kinds of languages** by aid of The Holy Spirit! This is not talking about a linguist!

❖ **Speaking in tongues is an ability given by God The Holy Spirit to speak a language or languages not learned.**

Speaking is a form of communication used to express thoughts, ideas & concepts.

Speaking is used by the most advanced and sophisticated beings; and the ability to speak more than one language is an aspect of our being made in the image and likeness of God.

God speaks and understands all languages, He hears and understands the thoughts and intentions of the mind and communicates to us in various ways!

He speaks, and everything is created, speaking and creating go together!

The ability to write comes from our ability to speak—creating books, songs, music, formulas and code making everything in an advanced society possible.

This is why the Bible places so much emphasis on **healing the deaf and dumb!**

The inability to transfer to others what God says to us is unacceptable to God!

God tells Moses to go and tell the people what He heard God tell him.

- We must hear properly to communicate effectively and we must speak properly in order to communicate effectively!

We spoke in some detail last time about hearing being a major part of speaking!

GWN Exodus 4:10 Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I'm not a good speaker. I've never been a good speaker, and I'm not now, even though you've spoken to me. I speak slowly, and I become tongue-tied easily."

11 The LORD asked him, "Who gave humans their mouths? Who makes humans unable to talk or hear? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? It is I, the LORD!"

The ability to **speak and hear** is a God given gift that most people take for granted!

And the ability to hear from God is the greatest gift of all!

ESV Mark 7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

What is spoken still has a major impact on the world!

James 3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

6 The tongue is that kind of flame. It is a world of evil among the parts of our bodies, and it completely contaminates our bodies. The tongue sets our lives on fire, and is itself set on fire from hell.

James is telling believer's we need (**speech therapy**) to learn how to talk all over again, once we're brought into the Kingdom of God.

Our mouths and our speaking have been so contaminated by the world that our words are warped, distorted and perverted everything we say causes confusion.

KJV Matthew 12:34-37 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

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

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Jesus is saying the whole generation was offspring of poisonous snakes so all that could come out of their mouths was poison.

Since this was the case, how could they speak (good) for Him?

How could they speak The Word of God in truth, love, mercy or grace?

How could they speak with Heavenly tongues, prophecy with accuracy or properly interpret heavenly languages when their heart & tongues are so poisonous?

David prayed in **Psalms 19**... "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

KJV Psalm 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.