

# The Vocal Gifts Part 1: Prophecy, Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues!

*KJV 1 Corinthians 12:1* Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Paul doesn't want the church to be uninformed about "spiritual things" he wants them to hear about spiritual things from one who has been anointed to teach!

*ESV 1 Corinthians 12:3* Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

The first thing Paul establishes is that anyone **speaking** by inspiration of The Holy Spirit has **heard** from God and will never say a word **against** Jesus Christ!

It's important to understand **speaking** correctly comes from our ability to **hear** correctly!

**Hearing problems** are a major cause of learning disabilities and poor childhood development!

A person's ability to read, write and speak are dependent upon their ability to hear properly!

*Mark 4:24* And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: Knowledge will be measured out to you by the measure of attention you give. This is the way knowledge increases.

*25* Those who understand these mysteries will be given more knowledge. However, some people don't understand these mysteries. Even what they understand will be taken away from them."

- **Our spiritual development is also based on our ability to hear! Before we can speak (for God) properly, we must hear Him correctly!**

*KJV Proverbs 18:21* Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

**A blessed and powerful Life is based on our ability to speak correctly!**

*Matt 8:8b...* "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."

The centurion tells Jesus to speak The Logos only! Say only what God has said!

The logos is the written Word, the Word that's already been spoken because it's written down!

*ESV 1 Corinthians 12:4* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

Since we're talking about **The Vocal Gifts**—there are different kinds of vocal gifts and different ways they operate but it's the same Holy Spirit at work.

**Tongues** is different than **interpretation of tongues** and **prophecy** is different than both; each operates differently but it's the same Holy Spirit at work.

*CJB 1 Corinthians 12:6 And there are different modes of working, but it is the same God working them all in everyone.*

➤ **Tongues** is glossa in Greek and is the organ of speech!

**There are different types of speech natural and spiritual speech!**

Remember speech is directly affected by hearing, children who speak well have heard people speaking well!

We can speak **only what we've heard!**

Natural speech includes **nature** itself! Yea, nature speaks all the time, most people aren't paying attention.

*Psalm 19:1 <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

*2 One day tells a story to the next. One night shares knowledge with the next*

*3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

The heavens refer to realms beyond man's reach, the abode of angels!

The firmament refers to the sky, the realm accessed by airplanes and space craft!

**The sky has a language, the stars have language and the heavens also speak!**

David says there is **no place on earth where their voice is not heard!**

In order to speak or interpret these languages we must hear them spoken!

*KJV Matthew 11:15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Jesus said several times people who have ears to hear can hear and understand!

Which also implies **there are people who don't have ears to hear and understand** certain languages both natural and spiritual so they don't understand.

Remember **John 12:29** when The Father spoke from heaven some thought it was thunder (natural) others thought it was an angel (spiritual) but only Jesus knew it was The Father.

*KJV Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.*

Isaiah was given the ability to speak the language of the one who taught him **God!**

**Only a person taught by God can give you a word in season, a word that you need at the right time in your life!**

- Because he had ears to hear he also has the tongue of the taught!

**Notice what the prophet said; God wakes him up each morning to teach him and awakens his ears to hear and understand!**

**Let's pray and ask God to awaken us each morning and awaken our ears so we can hear what The Spirit is saying in this hour!**