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PRAYING IN TONGUES – LESSON 8

FALSE TEACHINGS AND BELIEFS – PART 4

There is a false belief that I have often heard people say in regards to the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues.

It comes from people who have never experienced it. They frequently (but not always) are in a church that does not accept it. The person does not necessarily reject its validity, but they offer a statement to validate their lack of the experience.

They say, “If God wanted me to have it, He would have given it to me.” They feel this excuse or reasoning let’s them “off the hook” in any discussion about it. The fallacy with this is that God is not going to force anything on you that you do not desire. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman and will not invade your space involuntarily. It says we must ask for it. In Luke 11:11-13 it says, ***“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ASK HIM?”***

Many people are content where they are and have no desire for more of God in their life. Holy Spirit is the Spirit from the Father sent to us by Jesus. It is through Holy Spirit that we have “more of God” in us.

It is by the power from Holy Spirit that we can do the works of Jesus. Jesus said in Acts 14:12, ***“The works that I do shall (you) do also, and (even) greater works than these shall (you) do.”*** It is by the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost that we are able to do those works. Those who have not been baptized in the Holy Ghost are in a weaker position for doing His mighty and miraculous works. In Acts 1:8 Jesus specifically said this was an act of receiving power, not just tongues only.

You must desire the greater infilling from God so you can be an effective servant in His kingdom. If you do not desire that, you will not receive it.

We should always have a heart to desire more of Him in our lives.