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PRAYING IN TONGUES – LESSON 1
IT'S IMPORTANCE

Yesterday I wrote of the Psalm 100 key to entering God's throne room in your personal prayer time. Today we will build on that foundation.

Praying in tongues (unlearned languages) gives a dimension to prayer well beyond praying just in your native tongue (the heart language). It is praying in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit knows how to praise God more perfectly, how to build you up personally in your spirit and soul, and how to intercede for the needs of others that you don't even know about.

Some Spirit-filled believers very seldom pray in tongues. That should not be the case. Why is it that upon entering into God's throne room you would only wish to speak to Him in English, and you do not wish to communicate in heavenly languages? English (or whatever your heart or native language is) cannot adequately say all there is to be said. I Corinthians 14:2 says that when one speaks in tongues *"in the spirit he speaketh mysteries"* because he knows not what he is saying, but God knows and the holy angels (who minister for us) know. This praying can often dispatch the ministering angels to accomplish that which was spoken in their language (tongues). We might never have knowledge of how much our prayers actually accomplish, but it is effectual fervent prayer.

The tongues of Holy Spirit in your personal prayer life are not the same as the "gift of tongues" which (with interpretation) is for the edification of the church and a sign to the unbeliever. It is for your own personal edification and to glorify God and to go forth to accomplish his works.

Do not put "tongues" on the shelf. Pray in tongues frequently as did Apostle Paul. In I Corinthians 14:8 Paul said, *"I thank my God (that) I speak with tongues more than ye all."* I believe this impacted the understanding in the Holy Spirit that enabled Paul's inspired writing of half of the New Testament. His "download" from Holy Spirit laid the doctrinal foundation of our faith.