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SPEAKING WITH NEW TONGUES**

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**UNIT III - SPIRITUAL MATURITY****LESSON 3 - GOD'S WAY TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY - GILGAL -  
THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BEING BAPTIZED WITH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NEW BIRTH**

In this lesson we would continue the topic "**GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY**". This plan of God as we have seen is revealed in 2 Kings 2:1-15 in the meanings of the four places spoken of - Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, and Jordan.

We have noted that the progression to spiritual maturity is from Gilgal to Bethel, to Jericho, then to the Jordan.

**Gilgal** - whirlwind, this speaks of the filling and moving of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer

- spiritual maturity cannot begin without the Holy Spirit.

**Bethel** - House of God, this speaks of the need to be in a local church (body of Christ). Here in the local body of Christ the maturing, perfection process begins as the believer submits himself to the leadership in the local church and to the ministry of the local body. Here healing and restoration takes place and the **WAYS OF GOD ARE LEARNED**.

**Jericho** - delightful fragrance, becoming a disciple, dying to **self so that the sweet fragrance of Jesus comes through. It speaks of being seasoned in the Word**. Here we find the disciple submitted to the teaching ministry of the pastor and elders of the church.

**Jordan** - the descender, speaks of submission to a spiritual father to receive a double portion of his anointing.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, our journey to spiritual maturity - that is moving from being little children spiritually to becoming strong young men and women spiritually, to becoming spiritual fathers and mothers - has its beginning at Gilgal - that is **BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**, which initial filling is known as the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

As we have seen in previous lessons, Gilgal which means a whirlwind, a moving wind speaks of more than just being baptized with the Holy Spirit, it speaks of being moved, led, directed, motivated by the Spirit.

Thus Gilgal speaks of the active leading and directing of the Holy Spirit, having its beginning in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and of the continual filling of the Spirit.

Let us understand that without the power dimension which the Baptism with the Holy Spirit brings to the Christian Walk, the child of God will remain a child or baby spiritually. He will not grow up in Christ and be the overcomer that his Father God would have him become.

In our last lesson we spoke of the need of the Holy Spirit in our lives if we are to overcome the LUST OF THE FLESH - those SINS WHICH SO EASILY BESET US (overcome us).

In this lesson we want to talk specifically about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as a separate experience from being born again and secondly about how one receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Let me repeat what was said a few minutes ago.

WITHOUT THE POWER DIMENSION WHICH THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS TO THE CHRISTIAN WALK, THE BELIEVER WILL REMAIN A CHILD, A BABY SPIRITUALLY. He will not grow up in Christ and be the overcomer that his Father God would have him become.

*You* see, without the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, a believer must depend on his own abilities, on his own knowledge and intellect. Now the result of a believer depending on his abilities and knowledge will be failure, frustration, striving and disappointment. Now if that person has a strong, stubborn personality and character he may be able to walk in the basic principles of Christ but he will become legalistic; he will become locked into one way of thinking and stubbornly hold to his opinion; he will interpret the Scriptures to fit his way of thinking (theology) and according to his experiences; there is no room in his mind for his theology to expand.

This person sounds and looks and acts "very spiritual" when in fact he is very carnal, he is legalistic and really cannot tolerate (even though he may say he does) differing opinions. Because he does not have the Baptism with the Holy Spirit (or at least he is not walking in the Spirit if he has received the Baptism) he cannot walk in GRACE AND TRUTH which typifies the life of Jesus.

All he can do is walk in the Law of Moses, because the revelation of God that grace and truth came by Jesus Christ comes only through the Holy Spirit. For only through the Holy Spirit can one have a full complete revelation of Jesus. John 16:13 says,

**"...when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth."**

**QUESTION**, doesn't every believer receive the Holy Spirit when he is born again?

**ANSWER. YES, but only in a limited way.** He does not receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:22 and 5:5 tells us that when a person is born again the first installment of the Holy Spirit is deposited in his heart. "...earnest of the Spirit" in the KJV translation means "the first installment", a down payment which obligates the contract party to make further payments.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit with it's continual fillings is the receiving of the balance of the promised Holy Spirit and is a separate and distinct receiving of the Holy Spirit. It is a receiving of the Holy Spirit "without measure.

Let us look at some examples of this distinction between the new birth experience and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

**Compare and contrast the following Scriptures:**

John 4:14 with John 7:38-39

John 20:22 with Acts 2:4

John 1:12 with Acts 1:8

Thus the "new birth" is one experience of receiving the Holy Spirit (a deposit of the Spirit, a limited receiving), while the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is another experience (receiving the Holy Spirit without measure).

**QUESTION,** Why a separate experience?

Luke 11:13 -

God in his wisdom wants the believer to specifically ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. When the believer asks for the Holy Spirit he is deepening his commitment to and his dependency on God and is saying Father I want all you have for me and I know I must depend on you to receive it.

Acts 2:38,39 -

Secondly, we see that the promised Spirit comes after one REPENTS of his sins. Repentance comes ONLY after a person has been born again, NOT BEFORE. You see repentance is something that we do and until Jesus comes into our hearts, takes up residence in our spirit, through the new birth, we cannot do anything. The unbeliever is an enemy of God; going away from God and not toward Him.

Why repentance before the Baptism with the Holy Spirit? Why? because the Holy Spirit is HOLY! Amen. To be Holy means to be without sin. Thus because He, the Holy Spirit, is holy, He cannot dwell in an unclean vessel - a vessel where there is unrepented sin.

We would also note that if there is unrepented sin in our life we are quenching the Holy Spirit and even though we may have been Baptized with the Holy Spirit of promise, we through our unrepented sin have stopped His work in our life.

Thus repentance is necessary to prepare the heart for the coming of the Holy Spirit in His fullness.

**HOW DOES ONE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

1. The heart must be prepared by repentance toward God. (Acts 2:38).
2. One must hunger for the fullness of God in their lives. (Matthew 5:6).
3. Ask to receive. (Luke 11:13).
4. Expect to receive. (Luke 11:13).
5. Believe you have received. (Mark 11:24; Galatians 3:14).

## **LESSON 4 - GOD'S WAY TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY - GILGAL - "SPEAKING WITH NEW TONGUES"**

In this lesson we would continue talking about "**Living According to God's Plan**". God's Plan for our Spiritual Maturity is revealed in the meaning and order of the four places referred to in 2 Kings 2:1-15, Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and Jordan. We have noted that the maturing (growing up) process of the child of God begins at Gilgal which speaks of **BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**. The initial filling of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is referred to as the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Gilgal, however, since it is whirlwind, a moving, powerful wind, speaks of more than just being baptized with the Holy Spirit. It speaks of being moved, led, compelled, directed, motivated, energized by the Holy Spirit which then entails being continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

Now in our last lesson we spoke specifically of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as a separate and distinct receiving of the Holy Spirit from the receiving the Holy Spirit one is born again. In the new birth the Holy Spirit is received in a limited measure. The believer receives the first installment of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 1:22). But in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit is received without measure.

The topic of this lesson is "**SPEAKING WITH NEW TONGUES**", Mark 16:17 says, "**And these signs shall follow them that believe...they shall speak with new tongues...**"

Speaking with new tongues (languages) is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit and is the usual evidence that one has been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

By means of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit the believer receives the ability to "speak with new tongues".

NOTE, we have said that through the Baptism with the Holy Spirit the believer receives **THE ABILITY** to speak with new tongues". We say this because the experience of many, myself included, is that the manifestation of "speaking with new tongues", (the actual speaking forth with the mouth in an audible sound) came at a later date and in some cases at a much later date than the actual Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

However, this is the exception, rather than the rule. We must be careful that we do not let our personal experience dictate our theology of "speaking with new tongues". Amen. We do not want to emphasize the exceptions but rather look at the pattern which has been established in the New Testament.

### **SO, WHAT IS THE PATTERN?**

**Mark 16:17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name . . . they shall speak with new tongues . . . "**

First of all we want to note that it is Jesus who says, "**These signs shall follow them that believe.**"

Secondly, this Scripture passage says that those who **BELIEVE** - not just some that believe but them that believe (all believers) shall speak with new tongues.

Thirdly, Jesus says that believers **SHALL** speak with new tongues. Shall says this is God's promise - it is not a command it is a promise and like all of God's promises to His children, this promise is also conditional.

The conditions to receiving this promise are:

1. Repentance
2. Asking for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
3. Believing you have received the Spirit
4. Allowing the Spirit to have full control

Fourthly, the believer being baptized with the Holy Spirit must speak out what the Spirit is placing on his heart.

Now you may have learned or heard that Mark 16:9-20 does not appear in some of the earliest Greek manuscripts and therefore cannot be used to show that believers (all believers) "shall speak with new tongues".

If this be the case then praise God for it proves that the church still believed and was teaching that the pattern for believers even in the 12th and 13th century after Pentecost was to speak with new tongues. Amen Thank you Jesus.

Let us, also note, that speaking with new tongues was the common occurrence in the early Church. This is evidenced by the fact that the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 14 is giving direction for the use of tongues.

Now let us turn to the Book of Acts where we have five instances where believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues in at least three of them.

Acts 2:1-3 -

Acts 8:5-18 -

Acts 9:1-18 -

Acts 10:34-48 -

Acts 19:1-7 -

In three of the five instances in which believers received the baptism with the Holy Spirit they spoke in tongues immediately.

Paul at least spoke in tongues at a latter date (1 Cor. 14:18).

In the fifth instance (Acts 8:5-18) there was some noticeable manifestation of the Spirit.

**Let us now make a distinction between "speaking with new tongues" as referred to in Mark 16:17 and the "gift of tongues" and interpretation of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12:10.**

FIRST of all we note in Mark 16:17 speaking with new tongues is for all believers where the gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12:10, like all the gifts of the Spirit is an anointing of the Spirit for a special manifestation of the Spirit (Cf. 1 Corinthians 12:11).

SECONDLY we see that the direction of the speaking with tongues which is for all believers is toward God. It is the believer speaking to God (1 Corinthians 14:2). It is the praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20); and the praying and singing in the Spirit spoken of in 1 Corinthians 14:14,15.

Whereas, the speaking in tongues with interpretation of 1 Corinthians 12:10 is God speaking to man, either in prophecy, words of wisdom, words of knowledge etc. (cf. 1 Corinthians 14:6). Because God is speaking to man an interpretation is necessary so that the believer will have understanding and be edified, encouraged and comforted (1 Corinthians 14:4).

Therefore Mark 16:17 speaks of believers speaking to God in a new tongue. Praying in the Spirit allows our prayers to bypass our mind, our intellect, our experiences and communicate our needs directly to the Father without our intellectual interference.

The gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10) is God speaking to us in the language of the Spirit for our instruction, etc.

Speaking in tongues plays a very important part in the life and maturing process of the child of God.

Jude 20 -

Romans 8:26-27 -

1 Corinthians 14:2 -

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