

The background of the image is a night desert landscape. In the foreground and middle ground, there are rolling sand dunes illuminated by a warm, low light source, likely the moon or a low sun, creating soft shadows and highlights on the sand. The sky above is dark and filled with numerous small, bright stars, suggesting a clear night. The overall mood is serene and mysterious.

*Supernatural*  
**SEPTEMBER**

**HEALING**  
**SPEAKING IN TONGUES**  
**PROPHECY**  
**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

A night desert landscape with sand dunes and a starry sky. The dunes are illuminated from the side, creating soft shadows and highlights. The sky is dark with many small, bright stars.

*The Gift of*  
**TONGUES**

*What is tongues?*

**"Speaking in languages that are unknown to you through the power of the Holy Spirit in you".**

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1

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# THE USE OF TONGUES DEVELOPING IN THE NT

**Preaching/Worship:** speaking in unknown earthly languages showed the power of God's Spirit in the preaching

**Presence/Worship:** speaking in unknown languages showed the presence of the Spirit in a person's life

**Prophecy/Worship:** speaking in unknown languages showed it was a special message through the Spirit

**Prayer/Worship:** speaking in unknown languages showed that the Spirit was filling the prayer/praise

# 1. TONGUES FOR PREACHING

ACTS 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—**we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!**"

## 2. TONGUES FOR SIGNIFYING PRESENCE

ACTS 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

ACTS 19:1 There [Ephesus] he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

### 3. TONGUES FOR PROPHECY

ACTS 19:6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

1 COR 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. 2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. 3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. 4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

## 4. TONGUES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**1 COR 14:14** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful...**18** I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. **19** But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

**5** I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.

**ROM 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

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# HOW THE GIFT OF TONGUES IS RECEIVED

Sometimes it comes as we pursue God or open ourselves to the filling of the Spirit

Sometimes others pray for its release in us

Sometimes we pray and then try to see if it comes

Sometimes it develops bit by bit

Sometimes it comes as a surprise gift from God

Sometimes it doesn't come at all

**MOST IMPORTANTLY...**

**LOVE!**

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