



ORDERED WORSHIP

A Study of 1 Corinthians 14

GOD IS REALLY AMONG YOU!!

1 COR. 14:13-25

1. THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THE PHYSICAL MAN

“Therefore, the person who speaks in a tongue should pray that he can interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing praise with the spirit, and I will also sing praise with my understanding.”

- 1 Corinthians 14:13-15

TONGUES AND UNDERSTANDING

Take every thought captive to obey Christ – 2 Cor. 10:5

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds. Eph. 4:22-24

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Col. 3:1-2

TONGUES AND OTHERS

“Otherwise, if you praise with the spirit, how will the outsider say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? For you may very well be giving thanks, but the other person is not being built up.”

1 Corinthians 14:16-17

TONGUES AND OTHERS

“I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.”

1 Corinthians 14:18-19

2. THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GIFTS

“Brothers and sisters, don’t be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking. It is written in the law, ‘I will speak to this people by peoples of other tongues and by the lips of foreigners, and even then, they will not listen to me,’ says the Lord.”

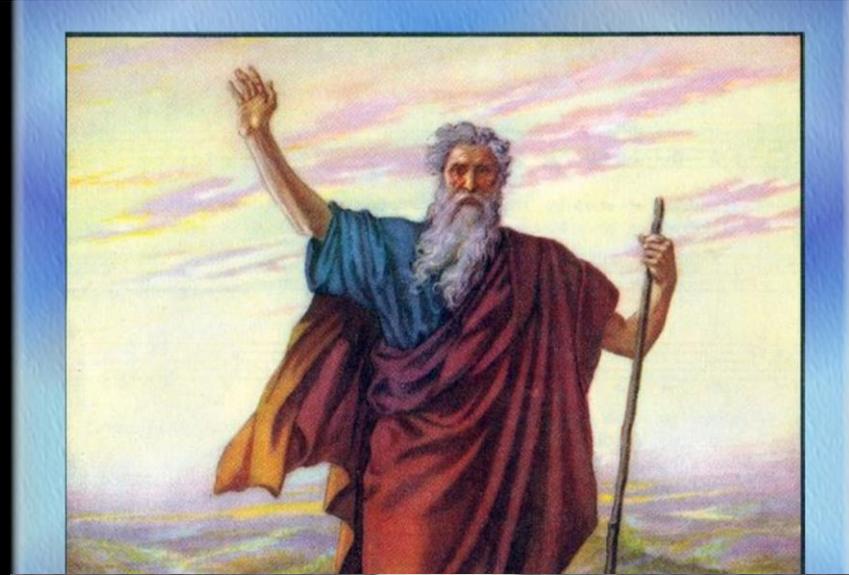
1 Cor. 14:20-21

TONGUES: A SIGN

Old Testament – Exodus

Plagues:

A sign of liberation or
judgement?



ISAIAH 28:9-12

“Who is he trying to teach? Who is he trying to instruct? Infants just weaned from milk? Babies removed from the breast? ‘Law after law, law after law, line after line, line after line, a little here, a little there.’ For he will speak to this people with stammering speech and in a foreign language. He had said to them, ‘This is the place of rest; let the weary rest; this is the place of repose.’ But they would not listen.”

TONGUES: A SIGN – JUDGEMENT OR LIBERATION?

Sign of Liberation – The Gospel is intended for all nations, not just Jewish people

Sign of Judgement – The Jews that rejected Jesus now know that the Good News is offered to all nations

3. THE SPEAKER'S AUDIENCE

”Speaking in tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church assembles together, and all are speaking in tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds?”

1 Cor. 14:22-23

THE SPEAKER'S AUDIENCE (CONT'D)

“But if all are prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all.”

1 Cor. 14:24

4. THE SPIRIT MOVING AMONG THE BELIEVERS

“The secrets of his heart will be revealed, and as a result he will fall facedown and worship God, proclaiming, ‘God is really among you.’”

1 Cor. 14:25