The Speaking-in-Tongues Phenomenon

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The Bible clearly states that the prophetic work of the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament. For example, in Deuteronomy 18:15-18, God speaks through the prophet Deuteronomy 18:15-18, God speaks through the prophet, says that anyone who claims to be a prophet and predicts anything that will not come true will be put to death. In the New Testament, Jesus fulfilled this prophecy by performing miracles and teaching with authority. Therefore, the idea of God sending a new prophet to the nation of Israel is not supported by the Bible.
For God, of course, is not the author of sin, nor is He in any way guilty of sin. God did, however, design an insistent test for human beings to determine that the fruit appeared to be especially lucrative ("the tree also was good for food, and..."

Satan stimulated Eve’s lustful desire to the temptation, which is hinted to the name God had given to the tree. In Genesis 3:5 Satan is seen saying to Eve, 

Satan also tempted Adam, and Eve was coaxed into thinking by making reference to the fruit. With this, the testing of the first parents in Eden, and it was the testing of our first parents in the garden of Eden, and it was the testing of the church at Corinth (that is, the church at Corinth would also have come to view the fruit possessed). This is why the fruit possessed. This is why the fruit is descended from this tree. It is descended from this tree.

The situation was grave. II Chronicles 28:13 records the events and the reason for the death of King Ahaz. And the resultant punishment God brought upon Judah and Israel. II Chronicles 28:5-6

Wherefore the LORD God delivered him into the hand of the king of Assyria; and he smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, even to Babylon. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of the kings of Babylon, he also delivered him into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, with a great slaughter.

The same principles apply to God’s final testing program for the end-time church in relation to God’s Word, the Bible, and the Gospel. The effect of the tests is to separate true believers from those who have been deceived by Satan’s lies. For II Kings 19:16 says:

So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant, and will be thy  

The third example requires a closer look. The four gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, John, and Luke, all speak of the Holy Spirit being the one who assailed the Galilean during the crucifixion. The third example requires a closer look. The four gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, John, and Luke, all speak of the Holy Spirit being the one who assailed the Galilean during the crucifixion. The third example requires a closer look. The four gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, John, and Luke, all speak of the Holy Spirit being the one who assailed the Galilean during the crucifixion. The third example requires a closer look. The four gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, John, and Luke, all speak of the Holy Spirit being the one who assailed the Galilean during the crucifixion. The third example requires a closer look. The four gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, John, and Luke, all speak of the Holy Spirit being the one who assailed the Galilean during the crucifixion.
The Success of the Tongues Movement

An ever-increasing number of individuals and congregations all over the world fall this end-of-the-age testing! The tongues movement, also called the “charismatic movement,” is sweeping the world like wildfire. Virtually every denomination has churches that have that open arms.

For generations, attempts have been made to reconcile orthodox faiths and denominations; however, no attempt has made progress towards bringing it into the Kingdom movement. Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, and all other religious groups that identify with the Christian ethic, find brotherhood under the charismatic movement. To those who embrace the tongues phenomenon, it appears to be a wonderful demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible guides us into truth; we can know the facts. The church has become increasingly secularized. Consequently, God is blinding people so that they believe this movement is simply a part of the Holy Spirit. They do not realize that it is of Satan. By means of this phenomenon, Satan is attempting to destroy the true Gospel to a degree never before realized.

Indeed, God brought judgment on the Old Testament nations (Israel and Judah), by nations whose language Israel did not understand, upon whom Israel had engaged in spiritual harlotry. God used these nations to test Israel and Judah. Likewise, churches and denominations of today are engaging in spiritual harlotry by blindly running after the appearance of false gospels (which feature an unknown language called “tongues.”) These false gospels are being used of God, as a judgment on the church. Expect to see the church destroyed by them.

Congregations will continue to exist. They may appear to be more vibrant and spiritually successful than the congregations of old. But they appear that the cause of Christ is advancing all over the world; Crusades are raging in an ever-increasing numbers, churches filled to capacity, seminaries under more prospective preachers. Nevertheless, it must be realized that the church is under God’s judgment. The abomination of practicing the things of this world, is increasing stands in the holy place.

The man of sin is increasing his seat in the most holy place.

Two important characteristics always appear to be present in the tongues movement; the acceptance of the principle that God is still speaking today. Additionally, those who believe, may be revealed through an unknown language called tongues, from another dimension, or by hearing a voice. Invariably where there is an interest in dreams and visions, there is an interest in tongues. Likewise, wherever there is an interest in tongues and visions, there is an interest in dreams.

The true Gospel is the only power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound of a sword, and yet lived. In Revelation 16:14, God speaks of satanic activity just before Judgment Day:

For they are the spirits of devils, working wonders, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. In these references that He will bring His judgment on the end-time church. They are the signs and wonders that feature miracles. Do not be surprised that signs and wonders will be like those with false gospels. When Christ came with the true Gospel, He came with the evidence of a supernatural event. When He appeared, the people were amazed by the evidences of the true Gospel by the miracles He performed. John 20:30-31:

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that ye might have life through his name.

As Satan comes at the end of this age, and brings forth his false gospel, feature tongues, he, too, attempts to attest to their worldliness and appeal with signs and wonders. Only two miracles are credited to him in the New Testament, the suspension of the silence between the supernatural and the natural world, in that he is able to speak in tongues and visions; and, second, he can supernaturally cause people to fall down from heaven on the earth. Additional revelation, it is distinctly expressed in Chapter 14:

Significantly, the Bible makes reference to “signs and wonders” for the end-time. The fact of the time. The fact that these references have nothing to do with the true church is of great importance. Every reference relates to satanic activity. For example, God comes from God in Matthew 24:24: “For there shall arise false Christ, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” This verse indicates that false prophets and false miracles will be so much like the true Gospel that only by true discernment (and perhaps by obedience to the scriptures) will be deceived, if that is possible.

The elect are the true believers; they were chosen by God to salvation. They cannot be deceived because God will see to it that they are protected by his church, which can be recognized by their signs and wonders. In II Thessalonians 2:3-5, God is the man of sin, which will take his seat in the temple. He is able, but does not want to until the thousand years are over; and then he will be deceived by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; In Revelation 13, in reference to the man of sin (2:3-5) God, propers God, warns in verse 9 that all them that are in the world shall hate because of the truth of God. And he doth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of miracles which he hath power to do in the sight of the beast, saying to them that they should make an image to the beast...
HC: Good evening. Welcome to the Open Forum.

Caller: I'd like to talk about a question about baptism in the Old Testament. If a person is born in such and such a town, do they have to be specially baptized to indicate that we must have a born-again experience?

HC: There is no relationship. Let's talk first about baptism in the Holy Spirit. Let's start in the Old Testament. What was the sign of salvation? Was it circumcision? Was it blood which was washed, cleanse, or purify. Therefore, it denotes the fact that the salt has been taken away. Baptism of the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with complete blood cleansing. Matthew 3:16 says Jesus in Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In the Book of Acts we find illustrations in each of these places of a special miracle to show that baptism has been sent to be out to evangelize the world. (See Acts 2:38, Acts 10:44-45. Acts 19.) After these illustrations in Acts, no outward miracle is recorded in the Bible that occurred when a person was saved.

Second, there was the burning offering. Meal offerings and animal sacrifices as burnt offerings pointed to Christ, who endured the wrath of God for our sins. Hebrews 2:9: "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." The Old Testament was water ablation, which ceremonially indicated that the sin had been cleansed of his sins. For example, Aaron and his sons were washed and consecrated as priests (Leviticus 8:6). The sign of ceremony of the bathe washing is used is also in the New Testament.

From the beginning, to be born again means that we must have his sins washed away, be born again, become a new creation. The Holy Spirit, who is eternal God, is given to the person who is saved. Beginning with Pentecost, God began His work to evangelize the world through believers, that is, works of the Bible to witnesses, to proclaim His Word and share the Gospel. If we are not as a witness of signs and wonders, particularly in relation to the end-time predictions, then we are not making ourselves subject to the plagues written herein, that is, being unsaved and subject to the plagues. It is true that the Bible speaks of signs and wonders that will be used to bring about salvation. Revelation 22:18-19:

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these words of the book of prophecy, They shall be added unto the plagues which are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of prophecy, They shall be taken away from the things which are written in this book. With this statement, God ended the possibility of any further additions to the book. From that point on, we cannot expect anyone to have a new miracle or doctrine from God because God will not validate His own rules. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. II Corinthians 11:14:

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are evil spirits, devils, working miracles, which go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God in heaven. These verses speak of the beast and the false prophet coming with signs and miracles to deceive every reference to signs and wonders near the end of time relates to the time that we are living. If we are very general, it indicates that we have to be extremely careful of things that will happen at the end of time. We must make absolutely certain that everything, even the most insignificant, has to do with the Bible. And that's not too much to ask to say about His Word. And we have to read Revelation 12:14, Revelation 22:18, and in the church at Corinth, where tongues were some of the controversies we see today (we learn when we study this language carefully), they were expressing supernatural gifts in speaking in tongues. But, we see, to look at these things in the Greek in the light of the whole Bible.

In the Old Testament, for example, the law was that males were to go to Jerusalem three times a year to offer sacrifices. Now, we don't go to Jerusalem any more to offer sacrifices. Why don't we? It's a command of God! Why don't we do that?

The reason we don't do that is because we read that command in Jeremiah 7:11. We must be careful of everything else the Bible offers, and we discover in the New Testament that the Bible is the only place we look for divine revelation. Apart from these ceremonial laws have been completed in Christ. And so, we're not to be bound by any more. In fact, it would be wrong to offer sacrifices. By the same token, in 1 Corinthians 14:14, God gave us down rules insofar as tongues is concerned. But in the Bible, He has more to say about His Word. And we have to read 1 Corinthians 12:14, Revelation 22:18, and in the New Testament. Deuteronomy 28, and other passages that speak on this subject.

When we realize that the Bible alone is the Word of God and we know that Satan comes as a lie (John 8:44), that's just what we have to do. Satan always try to put ourselves in the shoes of Satan. And that's not too much to ask of all of us as Christians to be a faithful, a sinless person. Satan thinks, "I'm going to try to take a sinner to to the edge of the fence," and we try to follow God. And I'm going to try to follow Him in the literature is a lot more a religious person. I'm certainly not going to do that. I'm not going to stand on the fence. I'm going to hold on God as an angel of light. I'm going to look like a legitimate
emissary of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the first thing I'm going to do is encourage that person to be drawn away from the Word of God, and convince him that the Bible is not the only authority. Then I can get him to begin to understand the Bible in the light of other authorities, and he will no longer attempt to get truth from the Bible only."

Satan is very careful to come with gospels that sound like the true Gospel. He quotes the Bible, but he is very deceitful. In this way, the person is completely disarmed. That person will become accustomed to listening for the Word of God from sources outside the Bible.

Satan is the father of lies. For a while, he might come with just the Word of God, then slowly, he adds a statement or a little something that is contrary to the Word of God. Satan is the great deceiver. The person listening might not know that he has begun to accept ideas that are contrary to the Word of God, ideas that are half-truths. That person might think only that he's had a happy experience, a good experience with a vision, and it seemed so holy, and he trusts that source of information. That person might not even know what happened to him.

It is so wonderful that we have the Word of God, the Bible, and we can be absolutely certain that it is the Word of God. It will always be the Word of God. We do not have to wonder or fear that perhaps Satan had something to do with this or that statement in the Bible.

Caller: I have two more questions. First, at the time of the completion of the Book of Revelation, the whole Bible, the Old and the New Testaments, was not compiled into one book form. Is that correct?

HC: I'm sure it was not. The Old Testament Scriptures were completed.

Caller: But everything wasn't in one form and under one cover, that is, both the Old and the New Testaments. OK. Revelation 22:18 indicates to me that we are not to add to the prophecy that is outlined in the Book of Revelation. I find no indication anywhere that the gift of tongues or the gift of healing or any of the other gifts of the Spirit have been outmoded as of any time. I believe it's for all time and for all men.

HC: Well, it's your privilege to believe that. But, you see, the Book of Revelation is an integral and cohesive part of the whole Bible. Now, if you add a chapter to the Book of Revelation, then you have added it to the whole Bible. And whether you tried to add it sometime during the first five years after it was written or you tried to add it 1,500 years after it was written, you have still attempted to add to the whole Bible.

In other words, anything that was written after the Book of Revelation was completed could not possibly be part of the Holy Canon. The ending verses of the Book of Revelation set the limit as to the Word of God. And it doesn't take long to review all of the writings that came forth during the period prior to this date to see why this is the Bible that we have and not something else. There is an internal cohesiveness in the Bible.

One of the problems is (and I say this kindly but, nevertheless, I say it firmly), that if you read a verse like Revelation 22:18 from the vantage point of having accepted the premise that God does speak in visions and voices and tongues or whatever today, then you can be sure that you will not understand a verse like Revelation 22:18 in the same way that someone would understand who is determined to let the Bible alone be his guide and his authority. This is because you would have additional information that you are putting into the equation, and you are bound to come up with a different answer. And so it doesn't surprise me at all when you say that you believe tongues or visions, etc., are for today. This, of course, is the conclusion you come to when you allow information outside of the Bible to be used in your understanding of what the Bible says. As a matter of fact, you will reach conclusions in regards to many Biblical passages that are different from the conclusions reached by those who limit themselves to the Word of God.

The minute you try to add to the Bible, from this vision or that tongue, or whatever, and one person adds this, and another one adds that, and someone else adds something else, and then attempt to interpret the Bible in the light of all this new information, you end up with a gospel that will take you almost anywhere. This is exactly what is happening today. The false gospels are going off in all directions.

The true Gospel, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, is circumscribed by the Bible alone. Only in the Bible, the whole Bible, can truth be found.

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