

Ipswich International Church
Daily Devotion
Manifestations of the Spirit:
interpretation of tongues



Mon, 7 – Sun, 13 April 2025

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Interpreting Tongues: Unlocking Divine Mysteries

If you are born again, filled with the Holy Spirit, and speak in heavenly tongues, there is a sacred invitation before you—an invitation to go deeper. The Apostle Paul urges us: "Therefore, the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret" (1 Corinthians 14:13, BSB). This is not merely a suggestion but a divine strategy for unlocking the hidden treasures of God's heart.

The Born-Again Spirit Knows What God Has Prepared

Scripture reveals a breathtaking truth: **"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him"** (1 Corinthians 2:9). Yet, in the very next verse, we discover something astonishing—**"But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit."**

Your reborn spirit is not limited by human perception. It has the capacity to receive divine revelation—truths that eyes cannot see, ears cannot hear, and the natural mind cannot fathom. Even more, your spirit *searches the depths of God* (1 Corinthians 2:10), accessing what God has freely given you. This is not distant theology; this is intimate communion.

Speaking Mysteries—But Should They Remain Mysteries to You?

When you pray in tongues, you speak divine mysteries—secrets woven in the language of heaven (1 Corinthians 14:2). To God, nothing is hidden; but to the human mind, these truths remain veiled—unless interpreted.

Would you not want to understand the mysteries you are declaring? Would you not desire to grasp the revelations your spirit is receiving? Interpretation bridges the gap between the unknown and the known, between the supernatural utterance and your conscious understanding.

A Challenge: Thought Experiments with Tongues

This week, I invite you to embark on a spiritual journey inspired by the concept of thought experiments—not to explore abstract theories, but to dive deeper into the mysteries of the Spirit. Let's challenge ourselves to stretch beyond the familiar:

- What if every time you prayed in tongues, you paused to ask the Holy Spirit for interpretation?
- What if tongues weren't just a private prayer language, but a gateway to profound prophetic insight?
- What if interpreting tongues became as intuitive and natural as speaking them?

Let's move beyond the familiar and embrace the potential for deeper spiritual understanding. Imagine a reality where the mysteries of God aren't just spoken, but fully understood—where tongues transform from mere sounds into divine revelations.

Pray with expectation. Seek interpretation. Discover the truths your spirit already knows. The deeper things of God await. Will you pursue them?

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Wed, 2 April 2025

Learn to Ask [God] Questions

Isidor Isaac Rabi won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1944 for his discovery of nuclear magnetic resonance, which is used in magnetic resonance imaging. He was also one of the first scientists in the United States to work on the cavity magnetron, which is used in microwave radar and microwave ovens.

He was once asked why he became a scientist. He replied: "My mother made me a scientist without ever knowing it. Every other child would come back from school and be asked, 'What did you learn today?' But my mother used to say, 'Izzy, **did you ask a good question today?**' That made the difference. Asking good questions made me into a scientist."¹

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Our Priorities



¹ Did You Ask A Good Question Today? | Aish, <https://aish.com/68197797/>.

The Prayer Paradigm Shift

Several Christmases ago, I began a radical prayer experiment - I stopped asking God to do anything. This holy interruption came when two verses exploded in my spirit:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3).

The implications were seismic. If every blessing was already secured, if all things were already granted, then my prayer posture needed complete recalibration.

Two transformative shifts occurred

1. From Transaction to Communion: My prayers had unconsciously become spiritual request forms - tossing petitions into heaven's court and waiting for divine action. Now I'm learning the art of receiving what's already been provided. Prayer has become less about convincing God to move, and more about aligning myself with what He's already done. **The difference is like switching from begging for sunlight to simply opening the blinds.**

2. The Birth of Divine Inquiry: I've developed a new hunger for asking the right questions - not the shallow "why?" of doubt, but the probing "how?" of discovery. Good questions:

- Unlock hidden dimensions of truth
- Activate spiritual problem-solving
- Often contain their own answers within them
- Become portals to greater revelation

This shift has turned prayer from monologue into dialogue - where my questions meet Heaven's wisdom, and the real adventure begins.

The Aftermath

I've discovered that most breakthroughs weren't things God needed to do, but realities He needed me to see. The difference between "God, please give me patience" and "Father, show me where Your patience already lives within me" changes everything.

Now when I pray, I'm not just speaking to God - I'm learning to think with Him.

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God's Ocean Floor Treasures



1 Corinthians 2:7-12



Many translations capitalise "Spirit" here, implying it's the Holy Spirit searching—but does the all-knowing God need to search Himself? A compelling alternative: **Your born-again spirit is the one diving into the depths of God**, uncovering mysteries through divine communion. When you pray in tongues, your spirit is mining revelation—because it cannot speak otherwise than to magnify God!

Imagine—just for a moment—David's confrontation with Goliath unfolding in the New Testament era. Not as history, but as a revelation of the greater victory we now walk in.

The scene is familiar: The Church trembles before a 9-foot terror—impenetrable armour, a lifetime of undefeated intimidation. Messages of fear ripple through the congregation.

But then there's Brother David. A truck driver. A man accustomed to long hours alone in his cab, where his born-again spirit swims in the depths of God. Lately, he's been consuming Scripture like never before—praying in tongues for hours, erupting in spontaneous praise, declaring Ephesians 3:20 over and over: "God can do infinitely more than we dare ask or imagine!"

While others fixate on Goliath's profile, David sees only his uncircumcision—his covenant exclusion. His spirit perceives what natural eyes cannot:

"The battle is the Lord's—this giant is bread for us!"

"One stone. One strike. One victory!"

Can you see it? David operating in a continuous flow of tongues and interpretation—being built up in his spirit, infused with divine strategy, comforted by the Spirit's fire?

Saul's army measured Goliath against their own strength: "We're finished!"

David measured Goliath against his God: "He's already finished!"



When you pray in tongues:



Your spirit taps into divine intelligence (the "deep things of God"). Imagine what your spirit will be discussing with God! Can it be anything but God's supremacy over every Goliath? Interpretation brings revelation to your conscious mind—building you up.



What giants are you facing today? Pray in tongues—let your spirit align with God's perspective. Ask for interpretation—unlock the mysteries hidden in your prayers. It builds fearlessness and boldness. Can you walk like David—seeing every enemy as already defeated?

🔥 "The Spirit searches all things..." Your born-again spirit is wired for revelation. Will you let it speak? ⚡

God's Encrypted Communications



1 Corinthians 14:2 BSB

²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries in the Spirit.



When we pray in tongues, we engage in a supernatural dialogue—our spirit communes directly with God, articulating mysteries beyond human comprehension. But what if we could glimpse into these divine conversations?

Imagine Abram and Sarai as New Testament characters. In Genesis 12:1-3, God spoke staggering promises to Abram at 75—blessings so vast they defied natural reasoning. “I will make you a great nation.” “I will bless you and make your name great.” “All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

If Abram and Sarai were born again and spoke in tongues, what would their spirits declare?



Would tongues and interpretation have affected the gap between promise and fulfilment? For 24 years, Abram and Sarai waited. Their natural minds struggled—“How can this be?”—but as NT persons, their spirits would know. If they prayed in tongues, they would have strengthened their faith by declaring God’s faithfulness in the unseen. They would have combated doubt by uttering divine assurances beyond human reasoning. Perhaps, accelerated breakthrough by aligning their words with God’s eternal purpose.

What About You?



You, too, have promises—some yet unfulfilled, some too grand for your mind to grasp. When you pray in tongues:

- Your spirit is declaring God’s will before it manifests.
- You are partnering with heaven in ways your mind can’t yet process.
- You are shifting realities in the unseen realm.

So, pray—and then pray for interpretation.



What mysteries is your spirit revealing? What divine strategies is God downloading?

The language of the Spirit is not just for heaven’s ears—it’s for your understanding, your faith, and your victory.

Will you unlock what your spirit already knows?

Their born-again spirits would:
1. align with God's covenant, affirming His plan despite barrenness and delay.
2. probably speak of nations not yet born, of a son not yet conceived, of a legacy beyond human imagination.
3. probably, long before God renamed them Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 17), be calling forth their prophetic destinies.

Tongues Build You



"The one who speaks in a tongue edifies himself..." --1 Cor 14:4, BSB



'edify' from Greek οἰκοδομέω primarily means "to build" or "to construct" in a physical sense, such as building a house or a structure. It is used metaphorically to refer to the building up of the individual believers.

When the Believer prays in tongues, his/her spirit is supercharged—strengthened, fortified, and built up in ways one's natural mind can't comprehend. I see it as plugging into a divine power source, then can imagine interpreting those tongues as upgrading your entire spiritual circuitry to handle the surge!

If tongues alone **edify**, then tongues + interpretation **ignite**!

Two pictures come to mind: passing 100 amps of electric current through a 13-amp fuse (Boom—revelation overload!) Or widening a narrow village road to handle heaven's convoy of blessing? (Divine capacity expansion!)

A year before Isaac's birth, God renamed her Sarah—"Mother of Nations." From "barren" to "Mother of Nations" in one name change. Every time she heard her name; her spirit must have leapt in agreement.

Now imagine her as a New Testament figure who prayed in tongues. She would be built up. What if she interpreted those mysteries? She would be strengthened, comforted and encouraged. She probably would have lived in the promise long before she held the baby. How might things have been different?



Your Turn: Build Yourself Up



- Pray in tongues daily—your spirit is aligning with God's will.
- Ask for interpretation—unlock the mysteries you're declaring.
- Upgrade your faith capacity—don't let natural limits dictate

your destiny.

Your spirit knows what God has spoken over you.

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself..."

Interpretation allows the mind to catch up with the spirit. ✨ 🔥



How might things have been different?

i. Maybe instead of saying, "The Lord has kept me from having children" (Genesis 16:2), her spirit would have declared, "God's promise is YES and AMEN!" No Hagar. No Ishmael. No unnecessary detour.
 ii. Maybe she would have judged God faithful sooner. Hebrews 11:11 says, "By faith Sarah... judged Him faithful who had promised." But what if she had been declaring God's faithfulness in tongues years earlier? Her spirit knew—but her mind needed catching up.
 iii. Perhaps she would have ignored the "Natural" Limits. "Abraham and Sarah were already old" (Genesis 18:1)—but the Ancient of Days doesn't age. Tongues would have reminded her: "With God, all things are possible!"

Tongues Magnify God!



For they heard them speaking in tongues and exalting God.

—Acts 10:46 (BSB)



When you speak in tongues, something supernatural happens—God is magnified in your words though you know not. When God is magnified in our conscious thoughts, He becomes our standard of measurement.

Suddenly, giants shrink, impossibilities crumble and promises loom larger than problems.

Imagine the twelve leaders in Numbers 13 as New Testament characters. They scouted Canaan—the land flowing with milk and honey. They all saw the same lush fruit (so heavy it took two men to carry one cluster!); the same fortified cities; the same giant warriors (the descendants of Anak!)

As NT characters, what would their born-again spirit be saying in tongues?



Go a little further! **What if they interpreted those tongues?**

Would they have still seen themselves as grasshoppers? Or would they have roared, "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!"

Scripture says Caleb had "a different spirit" (Numbers 14:24). They were in tune with the Spirit, "The land is exceedingly good! And the Lord delights in us, He will bring us in!" (Numbers 14:7-8) They measured the giants against God. But the ten spies returned trembling, "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes!" (Numbers 13:33) They had no revelation of the spirit. Maybe praying in tongues could have improved their capacity. Instead, they measured the giants against themselves.



The Ten spoke the language of fear—limited by human reasoning. The Two spoke the language of the spirit—magnifying God's power.

When you pray in tongues:

You exalt God above your circumstances. Your spirit declares His supremacy before your mind catches up. You see impossibilities as divine appetisers—"breakfast for the Israelites!"

Your Turn: Pray in tongues daily—let your spirit recalibrate your perspective. Interpret those mysteries—replace fear with faith-filled declarations. Live like Caleb & Joshua—see every giant as already defeated.



When God is magnified in your thought and imagination, the enemy becomes insignificant. What are you magnifying today?

💧 "They heard them speaking in tongues and exalting God."
That's the language of victory. ✨

Forbid Not: The Two Words That Protect Tongues



Do not forbid speaking in tongues.

—1 Corinthians 14:39 (BSB)



After everything we've explored—edification, divine mysteries, magnifying God, revelation, and giant-slaying faith—Paul's instruction makes perfect sense: Tongues are not optional; they are essential. They are the supernatural language of your born-again spirit, declaring God's wonders. To forbid tongues is to silence heaven's download in your life!



On the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), fiery tongues rested on each believer—not random noise, but heaven's language. Galileans (uneducated men) spoke in foreign dialects—declaring "the wonders of God" (Acts 2:11). The crowd was stunned—because God was speaking through men!

The disciples magnified God in unknown tongues (supernatural praise, Acts 2:4). And the hearers understood in their own languages (supernatural proclamation, Acts 2:6)

This is tongues + interpretation in action!

Your born-again spirit cannot stay silent! It searches the depths of God (1 Cor. 2:10). It knows what God has freely given you (1 Cor. 2:12). Therefore, it cannot help but declare His wonders!



Pray to Interpret the Wonders!



Don't just speak—understand!

For your life – What divine strategies is God revealing?

For your family – What breakthroughs are being unlocked?

For your church & community – What revival is being decreed?

When you pray in tongues, you are releasing God's wonders.

When you interpret, you are stepping into them.



"Do not forbid speaking in tongues."

Because you dare not silence the wonders of God!



Final Thought:

Tongues are your spirit's native language.

Interpretation is your mind catching up with heaven's frequency.

Pray. Speak. Interpret.

See His wonders unfold! 🚀 ✨

Tongues: Your Spirit's Signal Strength



"I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you."

—1 Corinthians 14:18 (BSB)



Was Paul saying he spoke in tongues more frequently than every individual Believer in Corinth? Or that his total tongues-speaking exceeded the combined practice of the entire church?



Either way, his statement was staggering. But the deeper question is—**why did he say it?**

Ecclesiastes 5:2 warns us when we appear before God, "Do not be quick with your mouth... let your words be few." Prayer isn't measured in word count (see Matthew 6:7), but in spiritual weight. Tongues are not about duration, but divine connection.

So, what is Paul really emphasising?

Paul's assessment likely goes beyond "how much" to "how well"—measuring:

1. **Depth of Revelation:** "I know a man in Christ who... was caught up to the third heaven." (2 Cor. 12:2). Did his tongues unlock greater mysteries than others'?
2. **Maturity in Christ:** "Follow my example, as I follow Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1). What impact did his practice of speaking in tongues have on his spiritual development?
3. **Effectiveness in Ministry:** Did tongues fuel his apostolic authority, miracles, and church planting?

Imagine Paul's private prayer. Powerful.

The Corinthians prided themselves on spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 1:7)

But Paul admonishes: Tongues without love = "a resounding gong" (1 Cor. 13:1).

Just as Tongues without interpretation = unfruitful in church (1 Cor. 14:19).

"I speak in tongues more than all of you!" wasn't Paul boasting—it was modelling. He didn't just speak more tongues; he lived more of the Spirit's fruit.

It is not: "How long do I pray in tongues?" but: **How much does it transform me?**
Is my revelation increasing? Is my character growing? Is my ministry bearing fruit?

Your Turn: Pray in tongues daily—let your spirit reenergise you, enlarge your appetite for spiritual development. **Interpret those mysteries—trust God for growth in character, revelation and fruit of the Spirit.**



🔥 "I speak in tongues more than all of you."

Not for pride's sake—for power's sake.

💡 Final Thought: Don't count your tongues—let your tongues count.
Seek not more words, but more of Him. 🚀🔍



The Gathering Rule: No Interpretation, No Tongues



1 Corinthians 14:26-28, BSB

²⁶ What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a psalm or a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All of these must be done to build up the church. ²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, two, or at most three, should speak in turn, and someone must interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, he should remain silent in the church and speak only to himself and God.



Paul gives clear instructions for corporate worship:

- Tongues are permitted—but interpretation is required (v. 27-28).
- Why? So, the church is edified, not confused (v. 33).
- If no interpreter is present, the speaker should keep it between themselves and God (v. 28). This is not a restriction—it's a divine strategy. Private tongues build you up. Interpreted tongues build the church up.



Many **interpretations of tongues** in church remain elementary: "God loves you." "My children, trust Me." But we are called to grow deeper! From milk to meat (1 Cor. 3:2). From simple affirmations to prophetic utterances.

Imagine interpretations that reveal where Candidate Saul is hiding (1 Sam 10:21-22). Reveal divine solutions for your church's challenges. Declare heaven's battle plans for your town. Unpack mysteries that "eye has not seen" (1 Cor. 2:9).

Some of you are called to be interpreters—will you answer?



1. Pray for the gift (1 Cor. 14:13).
2. Be rooted in love (Eph. 3:17)—so your words carry God's heart.
3. Stay humble—interpretation is for the church, not for show.
4. Join a cell group. Practice in small groups—where the Spirit can refine

your gift.

5. Ask for interpretation when someone speaks in tongues.
6. Expect divine downloads—God wants to reveal more than we've imagined!



"All of these must be done to build up the church." Will you be a builder?



Final Challenge:

Don't just speak mysteries—unlock them.

Don't just hear tongues—interpret them.

The church is waiting for the mature revelation only you can bring. 🚀 🔒

A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

The Monthly Fast ends with a corporate prayer meeting in the Church Building
in Barrack Corner, Ipswich IP1 2NB, at 7:30pm

Wed, 30 April – Fri, 2 May 2025

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Kairos Moment: A time to Pause & Reflect

A **Kairos moment** is a significant event (positive or negative, never neutral) that leaves an impact on you, signalling an opportunity to grow spiritually and emotionally.

The key is to recognise such a moment and then prayerfully enter the circle of learning of

- **3 steps of repentance** (changing your mind) and
- **3 steps of faith** (doing something about it).

In other words, in a Kairos moment, we are encouraged to take a step for the Kingdom:

>**What is God saying to me?** (repent, change my mind, change my thinking)

>**What am I going to do about it?** (think faith, act in faith, step out in faith)

