



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Praying in the Spirit or Praying in Tongues?

We thought those were the same, until Father started training us in the things of the Kingdom. Now we know they're not the same...but in one sense, they are.

The account of 'Followers of the Way' speaking in tongues (known as glossolalia in theological terms) in the book of Actsⁱ indicates that the expression 'speaking in tongues' is a descriptive term used by the observer of the phenomena, not what the speaker is actually doing. That's the difference.

Praying in Tongues is meant to be praying in the spirit,ⁱⁱ as Paul instructed the 1st century believers.ⁱⁱⁱ When done under the control of a person's spirit, it produces pure spirit-to-Spirit communication with the Trinity, providing unpolluted, unadulterated conversation with them because the mind and soul are excluded (shut completely out). This is the communication that the Trinity are wanting from us, as Father explained to us in 2022:

*"Of course, the most important thing you have to say through your mouth or **through your spirit is your communication with me**. This is pre-eminent. This is about our relationship; about intimacy; about oneness. That should be 'at the top of your list', rather than intercession or prayer."*¹

The reason for Father's instructions concerning tongues is that the process is meant to be a normal function of sons.

*"Speaking in tongues and praying in tongues is the way to activate your spirit so that you move more into the realm of being who you really are, which is a spiritual being housed in a physical body. **This is the way sons operate**, they operate spiritually, and from their spirit operation, they operate in the natural."*²

But where is the real different between praying in the spirit and praying in tongues, from the speaker's perspective?

The source of the difference is that: What is the speaker allowing to do the speaking, their mind or their spirit? When speaking in tongues, the person's mind can be doing it without any spirit involvement at all. From my personal experience, as well as from my observation of others, the spirit isn't usually involved when a person prays in tongues all day, while still at work or continuing to go about daily life. The person's spirit may start out being involved, but later it is replaced by the mind as the mental focus on performing effective work and life duties becomes paramount.

Personally I know when my spirit is not involved, and I discerned that inactivity many years ago when I thought I had to pray in tongues to force Father to do things in our nation. Without my spirit's involvement, it was just useless babble, and a waste of effective time to doing what's really necessary.³

Father also talked to us about that factor as well:

1 – MESSAGE: "Tongues are Vital for Today" (22-9-2022)

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2 – MESSAGE: "Tongues are Vital for Today" (22-9-2022)

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3 – It's true that Father accepts us in our spiritual immaturity, but he's expecting us to grow and mature.

SEE: "Operate at Your Level of Spirituality, but Aim to Mature"

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*“For those who continue to pray in tongues, use it appropriately. **There’s no need to pray for extensive periods of time as a formula⁴ to get things done.** Be spiritual, and allow your spirit to show you how and when to pray in tongues. There is a time to pray in the natural and a time to pray in the spirit.”⁵*

The correct way to pray in the spirit is to let your spirit tell you when to pray that way. Father taught us that as well:

*“Communicate with me from your heart, and then, **as the Spirit leads**, communicate to me with your spirit by praying and speaking in tongues. It’s important for you to realise that prayer is not a religious activity, it’s supposed to be communication between us.”⁶*

Also, let the Spirit indicate when it’s time to stop praying in the spirit.

Apart from praying in the spirit correctly, there’s another point about the communication method that probably most believers don’t realise. This involves our co-working with the Trinity as planet-managers and sons, where what they are looking for is our involvement in what they want to see happen, not what our desires are. That’s called being in alignment with them.⁷ As Father stated:

*“Communicate in tongues, speak in tongues and **allow me to work in you and through you**, because that’s the way it’s meant to be.”⁸*

The Trinity is looking for us to align with them in every way so that what we ask them to do is co-working with them, because its confirming what they want. That’s how our teamwork with them works most effectively – we know what they want, so we ask for it. That’s true alignment.

In addition, in our rulership role as sons, they are wanting us to declare and decree into being those things which are part of their plans and purposes, not our own desires or wants. When we pray in tongues, some of what we communicate spirit-to-Spirit is what we ask to happen, and that will agree with their desires. Other parts of our communication will be decrees and declarations that are in alignment with them, and which they will use as activation for those to take place. They work through us, that’s the way they set up our function at Creation.

So, there’s a big difference between praying in tongues and praying in the spirit. Praying with the mind (even in tongues) is mostly futile, which is why it’s best to practise praying with our spirit so it becomes second nature to us. In that regard, it has been suggested for novices that they pray in tongues for at least 15 minutes in a quiet place where there are no distractions. After that time, they should be able to experience their spirit taking over the process. They can then continue in the spirit until the Spirit indicates that it’s OK to stop – because ‘the jobs been done’ in what they had to spiritually say.

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