

W O R D A T W O R K

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1-2

1 Corinthians 14:1-2 says, *“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”* The Greek word translated *“mysteries”* is **moos-tay-ree-on**. When we speak to God we are praying the mysteries of the alternate, higher reality of the realm of the which includes both Christlikeness and all the different levels of God’s power. When we are not exactly certain what a situation demands or what it is going to take to overcome it, praying in the Spirit brings us face to face with the level of God’s power that is needed! Since there are multiple levels of God’s power, praying in the Spirit is God’s path to the wisdom necessary to apply what is specifically needed for every situation we face.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture: Luke 24:44-49

Praying in the Spirit definitely connects us with the power of God that is needed in any given situation. Jesus made that clear to the Twelve in some of His last words spoken to them in Luke 24:44-49. This passage says, *“Then He said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.’ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”* Jesus was very direct with His leaders. They had to stay in Jerusalem until they were endued with *“power”/doo-nam-is*. The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit include the wisdom gifts, the knowledge gifts and the power gifts. **Doo-nam-is** is generally considered to be among the power gifts. Jesus knew exactly what they needed, and He knew what they needed to receive it so they could be fully equipped for their ministry. The Greek word used in Luke 24:49 translated *“endued”* is **en-doo-o**. It is literally, ‘The sense of water sinking into a garment until it is saturated.’ It is also used for ‘Being completely clothed with.’ Jesus instructed the Twelve to stay in Jerusalem until they were completely clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit. That was the command, and they completely understood it and acted on it.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4 says, *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”* When the disciples did exactly what Jesus told them to do, they were all filled, ‘clothed with the Holy Spirit’ and they began to pray in tongues as God gave them utterance. It was their job to open their mouths and pray and it was God’s job to form those syllables into a heavenly language that would call forth the perfect manifestation of the Holy Spirit concerning any given situation that they were facing. When they were facing unknown elements including what to do, how to act and what to pray for, they used this prayer language. It became the most valuable, universal mode of intercession and talking to God that they had. They used it for everything. We know that is true because of Paul’s own testimony. Yet many of us have not understood it to the point that we have included it as a key pillar in our Christian walk and actually

consistently do it. It was so important that Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem until they were saturated with the Holy Spirit. Today many in the church treat the Holy Spirit as optional. This was not optional in Jesus' understanding. It was not optional for Him to be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit Himself when the Father led Him to be baptized of John. There is nothing optional concerning the Spirit of God. The only thing that has made it optional is our tradition. And for some of us, our tradition can make the Word of God of none effect. It is a huge error to minimize the need for the Spirit of God and our heavenly language. We cannot afford to make the Holy Spirit optional in our lives. Get delivered from tradition that says that praying in tongues is optional! It is not optional if we want to be victorious in our walk. It is not optional if we want to be empowered for ministry the way the disciples were. There is nothing optional about the Holy Spirit. It is time we grow up and believe what the Word says. One of the reasons much of the church is in such a mess is they treat parts of the Word as optional. Why bring a Bible to church? Many believe a Bible isn't necessary if their church flashes the scriptures up on the wall. He who does the work of the Lord deceitfully, loosely or with slackness is cursed. We need to get back to believing what the Bible says and acting on it. There is victory in that kind of saintly stance! Maybe it starts with each of us individually going before the Lord and declaring that His Word is no longer optional in our lives but it is the necessary, pure standard that we embrace and walk in. It should be the ultimate authority in life and it is time we acted that way! What a refreshing, unique group of people to hang out with-ones who live by the Word of God!

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Scripture: Matthew 3:7-17

In Matthew 3:7 John the Baptist was preaching about Jesus and he was preaching about Jesus the Judge. He says here that the axe is laid to the root and every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. He said in verse 11, "*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*" When Jesus baptized the church with the Holy Spirit and fire in the book of Acts, how did that manifest? It manifested with a language called tongues. John went on to say in verse 12, "*His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*" Not only did they receive the prayer language of tongues in the Book of Acts, but when those tongues rested upon them so did a manifestation of fire. We read in Matthew 3:13-17 about the baptism of Jesus. Was it optional? Apparently not! In this passage Jesus said, 'No John, we have to do it. It is an issue of fulfilling all righteousness.' When He was baptized in water, then He was endued with power from on High because the Holy Spirit came and rested on Him. Matthew 3:16-17 says, "*When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'*" Now there is a testimony on which you can start a ministry! Where is that testimony in our life? Does it come through tongues? The only way we will ever know is if we start to use it the way God intended. If receiving the Holy Spirit was not optional for Jesus and it was not optional for the 120 disciples who waited in Jerusalem until they were endued with power, why should we presume it would be optional for us. Have we welcomed the Holy Spirit into our lives in this dimension? The question is simple, are we using the power that is available to us? Have we made it a priority? Do we use our language to pray in the Spirit? It is God's open door to the full spectrum of His power.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-20

In Ephesians 3:14-18 we read one of Paul's priestly prayers. "*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—*" Paul asked God that all of us would be strengthened with might. The Greek Word translated "*might*" is **doo-nam-is**. The very same power that the disciples got when they received the Holy Spirit and prayed in tongues, Paul was praying these saints would be empowered within their inner man. We can assume that when we pray in tongues that **doo-nam-is** might is being infused into our inner man. Verses 19-20 say, "*...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,...*" Few would turn down the benefit and blessing offered here. But how do we get there? Let's look at verse 20. The word used here is power and that is the word of our focus. **Doo-nam-is**! How does the **doo-nam-is** work in us? The disciples were to stay in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on High. When the power from on High came, they began to pray in tongues. Praying in tongues releases that power in us and brings us into the fullness of Christ. This is something that we can do at will which is subject to us and takes place at our disposal. We can pray in this manner any time, any place, anywhere. We choose when to pray and when to cease praying. How many of us are still acting as if praying in the Spirit is more a matter of convenience? If embraced as a constant flow, it would bring benefits beyond measure!

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Scripture: John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 2:11

In John 20:19-23 Jesus said, *“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”* In this passage Jesus meets the disciples and imparts the Holy Spirit to them. He says in verse 22 *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained...”* The Greek word translated “retain” is **krat-eh-o**, the Greek word for dominion. Dominion is the fourth and highest level of God’s power. So not only does the Holy Spirit begin with **do-nam-is** but He takes us all the way through the spectrum of levels of power into dominion that either forgives or retains sin, which is the foundation for judgment. How can we know when to retain and when to forgive? That is beyond most of us and likely that is the reason Jesus gave us access to the wisdom that only He has by praying in a language that we never learned and do not understand. Tongues was given so we can access the fullness of Christ. Some of the things of the Spirit are just beyond our ability to comprehend. Tongues takes us into places where we have to have the wisdom of God to walk there. Forgiving or retaining sin is one of those areas. When we forgive sin versus when we retain sin is one thing that only the Holy Spirit can lead us into. The Spirit can show us through Scripture, *“If you forgive the sins of any...they are forgiven them.”* It takes the Holy Spirit to lead us to a passage of Scripture that will explain when we forgive and when we retain. Many situations require the wisdom of God and the path to that wisdom is the same – it is tongues! Even when we see a Scriptural principle, we have to know whether or not it applies and at times we have to discern the condition of a person’s heart. Only the Spirit knows that, *“For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?”* The Holy Spirit knows. And the way you and I find out is by praying in tongues so God will reveal it to us. There are whole dimensions of ministry that we cannot access without tongues. God gave it for that purpose and it is time we grew up and recognized it.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Scripture: Luke 17:1-4

Luke 17:1-4 says, *“Then He said to the disciples, ‘It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”* When do we forgive sin and when do we retain it? Luke 17 tells us. When we confront a brother concerning his sin if he repents, we forgive him. If he does not repent, we retain the sin and go to the next level. The next level we find in Matthew 18 which is to take another brother and both go together and confront together. If the brother still does not repent we retain the sin and we tell it to the church. Then the church begins to deal with him. God gave us His Spirit in order to navigate the impossible places of relationship and the impossible places in life where we just do not know what to do. Those are the places we need wisdom beyond human reasoning. All the levels of power are accessible through tongues. The question is are we going to develop and use this valuable key that God has made available?

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-12

Ephesians 6:10-12 says, *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”* The interesting thing about the first verse cited here is the progression of Greek words that are used. The word that begins this verse, *“strong”* is **en-doo-nam-o-o**. This verse goes on to say *“...and in the power/kra-tos of His might/is-khoos.”* Verse 12 has the second level of power so that all four levels of power are mentioned in this passage. In verse 12 the word for power is **ex-oo-see-az** which is our governmental authority. These verses conclude by saying, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but we wrestle against all the different levels of demonic power and finally the spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenlies. That Greek word is **kos-mo-krat-ore** and means ‘world rulers of darkness.’ God ordained that we deal with this multidimensional power structure of the enemy with a key at our disposal. And that key is tongues. It is valuable to pray in tongues until the wisdom of God comes forth and directs us what to do. Isn’t it time that we begin to use it the way God intended. It was not optional in the early church, it was essential. It was absolutely necessary and scripture makes that clear. Have we lost sight of how important the gift of tongues is? The only way to walk victoriously through the end-times is to be fully prepared for the entire dimensions of God’s power that we are going to need! One key way to access it is through praying in tongues!

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:14-18

The same apostle that wrote the book of Ephesians wrote 1 Corinthians. Concerning praying in the Spirit the Apostle Paul says, *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say ‘Amen’ at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;...”* He defines praying in tongues, and he says if I pray in a tongue my spirit prays, but because I am praying in a language I have not learned my understanding is unfruitful. So Paul is encouraging us to do what he does. In effect Paul is saying, ‘I pray in the Spirit until I gain understanding or get an interpretation. I sing in the Spirit until I get an interpretation.’ Then Paul says ‘I pray in tongues more than you all’. Now what does that tell us? Paul wrote half of the New Testament. Where did he get the knowledge and insight, the divine breath of God? Where did that wisdom come from? It came through praying in tongues. Everything he did he tells us came from praying in tongues. It is the most practical thing that God has given us and many of us treat it as if it is optional. There should be nothing optional about praying in the Spirit. Only tradition robs us of the power of God because we think it is optional. It was not optional for Jesus to receive the Spirit. It was not optional for the equipping of the early church. They had to stay in Jerusalem until they were ‘clothed’ with the Spirit from on High and it should not be optional for us. The quicker we line up with God the more of the fullness of His power we will see in operation as the end-time church. So isn’t it time we lined up with the Word?

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:3-4

1 Corinthians 14:4 says that when we speak in a tongue we edify ourselves. *“Edify”* is **oy-kod-om-eh-o**, and it means, ‘To inhabit a house, to establish the foundation, to repair or rebuild that house based on what it needs.’ Will tongues square a foundation? Yes! Will tongues rebuild what is broken in a house? Yes! Will tongues repair what is damaged? Yes! It is obvious from scripture that we need to pray in tongues. If we do not, we end up living in a broken down house. It is expedient to rebuild according to God’s wisdom for exactly what is needed for our particular situation and for the season in which we live. In our current culture much of the church is powerless. Why is the church powerless? Many do not do the Word! For the most part many do not pray in tongues and many want to argue saying tongues is optional and we do not need it. The condition of the church in the nation proves that the Holy Spirit and His gift of tongues are not optional. Is it possible that the laziness and slackness in this area may in part account for the curse that is on the nation and the condition of darkness that is threatening our land? Isn’t it time we start doing God’s Word and not just hear it only? Isn’t it time we really acted on it? Isn’t it time we started praying in the Spirit until God changes crucial things in this nation? There is a revolution brewing and wouldn’t we hate to spend our time in slumber or on the sidelines!

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:17-20

1 Corinthians 14:17-20 says, *“For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.”* Paul is saying that our prayer language is a preparational language. It prepares us to deal with the issues of people. It prepares us to deal with governmental and political and cultural issues. It prepares us to deal with disobedience, even national disobedience. Praying in tongues brings us into a power that will deal with government officials. The failure of the church in part goes right to the failure to use a vital tool that God intended would ground us in His wisdom. The activation and use of this gift will yield results and the time is now!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:21-23

1 Corinthians 14:21-23 says, *“In the law it is written: “‘With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,’ says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?”* This scripture could not be any clearer. Tongues is a preparational prayer language for the wisdom of God that is

needed in any given situation. It is for the release and the manifestation of God's power that fits any given situation. It is preparational! It is what we should do before we get in the pulpit, or face that challenging meeting at work, or deal with that difficult teenager, or confront a political leader. We must pray in the Spirit until God gives us what we need to impact the situation or the individual. It is how we prepare and access the power of God.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 says, *"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences."* When we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, what are we going to say about this issue? Have we diligently used God's provision for connecting with His wisdom, His understanding and His power? Have we used His provision for stopping those who bring darkness and defilement on a family, a people or a land? Did we access the power that brings the fear of God? Did we access the power of the Holy Spirit or did we think it was optional and then get discouraged when we did not see any results? We are all going to stand before Christ one day so let's use all God has for us for a victorious destiny. We should desire to stand fully prepared before Christ and face a joyous occasion. But preparing and walking in obedience is a choice. It is time we start consistently using our prayer language!

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture: Isaiah 28:9-12

Isaiah 28:9-12 says, *"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, 'This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,' And, 'This is the refreshing'; Yet they would not hear."* Does God give everything to babies? Of course, the answer is, no! Growth comes in a step by step line. It is linear. Precept upon precept and line upon line, here a little bit and there a little bit. God has a process for growth and development. With stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people to whom He said, this is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest and to be refreshed. Rest in every situation only comes when we get God's answer to it so that there is inner confidence that a solution is on the way. What is He talking about here? He is talking about the anointing to solve problems and the anointing to move mountains. He is talking about the anointing that connects us with the power needed in any given situation. Rest and refreshing come when problems are solved. Rest comes when there is assurance the mountain is moved. Rest comes when the enemy bows. God is clear in this passage. Tongues is the path that connects us with God's power in any given situation to move mountains as well as to walk in God's anointed composure to keep overcoming while we are waiting for the movement to take place. When mountains are not yet moving and problems still persist, it is time to pray, pray, pray and keep praying in the Spirit! Are we doing our part or are we just hoping the mountain will move? For many of us, if a complaint would move it, it would be gone by now. We have tried everything else. Let's give tongues the time it deserves. How about a decade of praying in tongues over that persistent mountain! It is our choice.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture: Hebrews 4:1-13

Hebrews 4:1-13 says, *"Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: 'So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest,"' although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all His works'; and again in this place: 'They shall not enter My rest.' Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, 'Today,' after such a long time, as it has been said: Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.' For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."* What a passage and what does this passage describe? It describes the rest that God ordained for people, but they would not enter it. They would not enter in because of

disobedience. God's Word is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. There is no creature hidden from His sight but all things are open to Him with whom we have to give an account. Isn't it time we started using tongues for the purposes God intended. Praying in the Spirit is not an option for those who want to walk victoriously! It is time to do it until we see the answers, until the mountains move. It is time to go for it. God wants us dwelling in His rest and He knows how to get us there. Let's purpose to pray in the Spirit until those answers manifest! Let's do our part and then watch God do His!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

Verses 14-16 say, *"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* What is the fruit of praying in the Spirit? It is boldness and it is mercy and grace to help in the time of need. Boldness, mercy and grace to either endure a mountain until God's perfect timing or boldness to move it. How do we get it? One vital answer is, by diligently praying in the Spirit. Pray in the Spirit to either move the mountain in the now or to receive grace to deal with it until it is time to move it. Praying in the Spirit is not an option for those who want to live above the problems and not be overwhelmed by them.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture: Isaiah 28:13

Isaiah 28:13 says, *"But the word of the Lord was to them, 'Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,' That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught."* Have we fallen back? Are we broken? Have we been snared? Are we caught? If we are facing mountains that will not move, then we are in a position to use this valuable God-ordained tool. By praying in the Spirit we either receive the power and boldness to possess the answer or the grace to courageously overcome and wait for God's timing. Let's do the Word and watch God move on the scene to equip us to stand faithfully and walk victoriously in finishing what He has called us to!

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Scripture: Isaiah 28:14-15

Isaiah 28:14-15 says, *"Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.'" Does that sound like any in our culture that we currently know? Are there politicians who have made a covenant with death? Many leaders in our culture today have made a covenant with death. A covenant with death includes the murder of innocent children, it includes redefining marriage. It includes policies that open Israel up to nuclear destruction by Iran or any other group or nation dedicated to darkness. It includes inviting those people who may very well be plotting the destruction of America into our nation. Each leader who has championed these causes either blatantly or unwittingly has made a covenant with death. We must pray for God to expedite the removal of these individuals as well as the various organizations which have pushed these evil agendas forward. 'Visit complicit leaders such as these, O God, and reward them according to their works! May what they have done to any state or nation turn and come upon them personally.'* Praying in the Spirit releases boldness in prayer to initiate judicial events or perhaps grace to withhold such prayers due to God's intent to bring wayward individuals to Himself. Praying in the Spirit brings us the power of God to move the mountain and it also gives us power to persevere while waiting!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Scripture: Luke 16:14-16

Luke 16:14-16 says, *"Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. 'The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.'" The Kingdom of God is here! The question is are we willing to press into it? How do we press into the Kingdom? We pray in tongues until the wisdom comes and the direction comes about what to do. Pressing into the Kingdom is a matter of obedience. It is about connecting with the Lord through the Holy Spirit until we are shown what to do! We pray in the Spirit until His light and His leadership comes. By doing this we can represent Him and declare what He wants us to do. We are the agent and the vessel, but He is the Mover and the Shaker! Isn't it about time that we started doing our assignment?*

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Scripture: Isaiah 28:16-17

Isaiah 28:16-17, says, *“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place.”* It is important to address the judicial plumbline that God establishes on the inside of us. Only God can make judgment the measuring line and righteousness the plumbline. Only God can send hail that will sweep away the refuge of lies and only God can send a flood that will overflow and clean out the hiding place. He can send what is needed and He will do what needs to be done. Praying in the Spirit brings a judicial plumbline and a flood that removes the enemy’s representatives. Praying in the Spirit is one of the most powerful things we can ever do. Because it eventually drops a judicial plumbline and measures people for judgment. It measures areas for floods. Surely we can pray in the Spirit and let God bring the dealings He deems necessary to sweep away what is needed. God is the only One who can and we are the ones who have to ask Him. Praying in the Spirit brings a plumbline where it is needed. Tongues should be a gift that stands beside our mighty sword, the Word of God. Just as knowing, absorbing, speaking, and praying God’s Word should never be neglected neither should we ever neglect the gift of praying in the Spirit due to the power and clarity it brings to our eternal destiny.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Scripture: Genesis 18:19

Genesis 18:19 says, *“For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”* One of God’s primary assignments for Abraham was to keep the way of the Lord and the way of the Lord consisted of two things. One was to do righteousness so that we could do the next which is judgment. What do we find out about tongues? We find that tongues always brings a plumbline of righteousness and a measuring line of judgment. It establishes that in us so we become the living walking agent of His righteousness and the representative of His justice. When we pray in tongues and then follow God’s lead, we get to declare His declarations where needed and thereby becomes His voice to advance God’s purposes in the earth. When the church is not the agent of righteousness and cannot carry a plumbline of judgment, then we can end up losing our nation because the church becomes saltless. That is a complete forfeiture of our covenant of salt. The Kingdom is not then established in our life and through us as it should be. What Abraham walked out in the Old Testament, God gave us access to, but God also gave us a way to pray it into existence. One way to activate this judicial calling is through praying in tongues!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 28

Isaiah 9:6-7 says, *“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”* Jesus established the increase of His government and of peace upon the Throne of David and over His Kingdom. He ordered it and established it with judgment and righteousness. That is the same judgment and righteousness that we pray into existence in Isaiah 28. It is our job and it is clear that Jesus does this and that the Kingdom cannot be established without judgment and without righteousness. He also tells us in the last days that the zeal of the Lord of Hosts is going to perform this. Are we going to see a baptism of zeal manifest in churches? It would appear that we are. Is it possible that praying in our heavenly language is a pathway to the zeal and passion necessary to do the exploits needed in these challenging days that are upon us?

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture: Isaiah 28:16-19

Isaiah 28:16-19 says, *“Therefore thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it. As often as it goes out it will take you; For morning by morning it will pass over, And by day and by night; It will be a terror just to understand the report.’”* The plumbline of this passage is the fruit of praying in tongues. That is the context and we know context determines meaning. The word *“therefore”* follows the subject of tongues. When we pray in the Spirit we drop a plumbline of righteousness and judgment, the covenant of death is annulled and it brings an overflowing scourge that passes through and tramples down the enemy. One of God’s paths to victory comes through tongues! And if we are relentless in prayer,

the judicial action does not stop until there is victory. We can birth a judicial flow that cleans up a nation and prepares it to be a harvest field. Are we doing that for America? We need to take using our spiritual language very seriously and come into it in a deeper measure.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture: John 16:7-11, Isaiah 28

John 16:7-11 says, *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."* What will we look like when the Holy Spirit comes on us? The answer to this in part is what we find in Isaiah 28. We will look like a plumbline-people. We will look like a people that will convict the world of sin, of righteous and of judgment. Righteousness because when Jesus went to the Father He dropped that plumbline in us. Of judgment because we pray in the Spirit and wait until He drops that plumbline in us. We diligently pray until that judgment is manifested. Are we doing that in the church? Some of us are! Some of us have been led into this. This is my third decade of walking with Jesus the Judge. The question is how do we get to this place? It can often be as straightforward as pray, pray, pray in the Spirit and God Himself will establish the plumbline and God Himself will apply it! It is not up to us to apply it. It is up to God! Our job is to be the plumbline and His job is to drop it wherever it is timely and appropriate.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture: Luke 24:13-27

Luke 24:13-27 says, *"Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, 'What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?' Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, 'Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?' And He said to them, 'What things?' So they said to Him, 'The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.' Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."* The real issue on the road to Emmaus was the issue of verse 27 because all of our understanding unfolds from there. Why did the Lord start with Moses as He opened the Word to those disciples? We know from this passage that Jesus was mighty in word and deed. That, of course, came by the power of the Holy Spirit. We also know that Jesus moved in the Spirit and ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit. There is a reason why He began with Moses. The question is why did He start with Moses? Once we answer that question we will understand the magnitude of what it is that God wants to do with us in the last days.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture: Exodus 6:1-7

Exodus 6:1-7 says, *"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.' And God spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'"* What is interesting about this passage is that the Lord says, I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as El Shaddai but by My name Jehovah I was not known to them. Verse 5 says, *"And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant."* The first time that God reveals Himself as Jehovah, He reveals Himself as the God of great judgments Who will set captive people free. Has America been taken into captivity? Is America in captivity on the

issue of abortion? Is America in captivity on the issue of redefining marriage? Is it in captivity regarding standing by Israel? What is the answer? The answer is the destruction and removal of those who champion what leads to captivity. The anointing of God is here to do it, but you and I have to pray it into existence. Pray in tongues until the anointing comes and then launch out and pray judgment as 'the Holy Spirit-push' comes. Then we will participate with God in removing the hindrances of the enemy through our heavenly language. Abominations can be removed through the faithful prayers and intercessions of His willing, obedient saints! Let's rise up, O church, and do our job! Are we willing and ready?

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-17

Deuteronomy 18:15-17 says, *"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me: 'What they have spoken is good.'"* Why did God say that reneging on the covenant was good? Because the Israelites saw the fire and they implored Moses to go talk to God and come tell them what He said. In effect they were saying 'Moses, you suffer the penalty of death if there are any mistakes.' Why did God say that was good? Jesus looked ahead to the fact that we were going to need the Holy Spirit and He said to Moses, what the people have spoken is good. But it is only good if we, on this side of Pentacost, use what the Lord has provided. If we do not, then we fall behind. Consider the condition of both the nation and today's church. If the church would begin praying God's will, things in the nation would likely change.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:18-22

Verses 18-22 say, *"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him."* The Lord promised to raise up for Israel a prophet like Moses. God said He would put His words in his mouth. That prophet is Jesus and it shall be that whoever will not hear His words which this prophet speaks in God's name that God would require it of the hearer. What does it mean if we are not going to do the Word? It goes on to say that the prophet who presumes to speak a word in God's name which He had not commanded him to speak or he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. Who in scripture carried the fear of the Lord? The answer is, the prophets! The job of the prophets is to establish the fear of the Lord in their generation. If Jesus functions as a prophet like Moses in the church, then His job is establishing the fear of the Lord. Where is that? Where is the fear of the Lord in the church today? Do we really see Jesus as a prophet like Moses? Or do we see Jesus as fully and exclusively the Savior. When the church only sees Jesus as the Savior, the nation suffers. If we see Him as the Judge, or as a prophet like Moses who brings great judgments in order to set people free, many in darkness would repent. Why don't they? In part it could be an unwillingness to say yes to tongues. They do not want to say yes to praying in the Spirit. This passage says, that 'they would not hear.' They have the fruit of not hearing and only relate to Jesus as Savior and often in such a place do not connect to the fear of the Lord and the God of might and power. When are we going to see the fullness of Who Jesus is? Demonstrations are needed!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:10-12

In Deuteronomy 34:10-12 we see Moses in his own words frustrated because he has not seen the promise of God fulfilled. It says, *"But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel."* Moses spent his whole life moving toward freedom for Israel, but did not get to cross the Jordan and set foot in the Promised Land himself. He never saw Jesus do great judgments through Joshua. He never saw Joshua tell the sun to stand still so he could kill more of the enemy. But Joshua walked in it, and he walked as a prophet like Moses. Where is the prophet like Moses today? Jesus is the prophet like Moses. Where is He manifesting the judgments in and through our lives? Is it because we are not praying in tongues that we have not grown into that place? Is it our slumber or neglect? Is it time to reclaim and lay hold of all that God has for us to be victorious including tongues!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture: Acts 3:19-26, Deuteronomy 18:18

Acts 3:19-26 says, *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”* Here Deuteronomy 18:18 says, *“I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.”* Are we the sons of the prophets? Are we the sons of the covenant? What the Lord is saying in this passage is where are the judgments? Moses defined forever what it meant to be a prophet like him. He defined it in his frustration. Where do we see the prophets perform judgments like he did? Do we see God like that today? No, we have redefined Jesus. We know how God defines Him. Moses defined him in His prophetic office, He is a prophet like me. Where are the judgments? There is plenty of ‘Egypt’ in America. There is plenty of ‘Egypt’ in other nations of the world. Where is the church? Where are the prophets? Jesus is the prophet like Moses and He has already told us how to become the plumbline of judgment. A preparational opportunity comes by praying in tongues. Why don’t we see it? Is the Lord really ready to do great judgments and to terrorize arrogant leaders and judges? Isaiah 26 says, *“When your judgments come upon the earth the people of the world learn righteousness...”* Jesus is the prophet like Moses and He will manifest the judicial through us if we are willing and obedient and one powerful avenue to begin is by faithfully praying in the Spirit! Your judicial testimonies are just a prayer away! Use the gift God has provided!

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