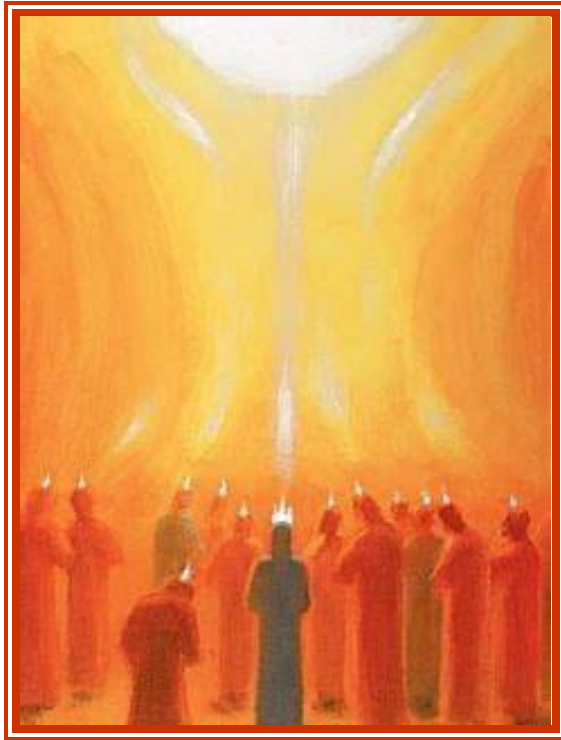


# Supernatural Prayer

**God's Fire and Glory Offered to All of His Family**



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*This is dedicated to  
author Kenneth E. Hagin  
whose books have led  
many to the gifts of the Spirit  
and much more.*

# God's Fire and Glory

**“God created man in *His* (singular) own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them . . . and have dominion” (Gen. 1:27-28b).** The word “image” (Hebrew *demwth*) means *representation* and *manifestation*. From the very beginning natural mankind (both male and female) were meant to represent and manifest a **“God (Who) *is* a Spirit” (John 4:24)** while we live on this natural planet. Natural mankind was also given dominion. Dominion means authority backed by power. When on earth, God manifested His Presence and power through His Shekinah **glory** with **fire** and He **filled** and appeared **upon** His natural dwelling places.

## IN THE BEGINNING:

Before sin, God was **upon** the earth walking with Adam and Eve within the garden of Eden. Spiritual Heaven **filled** or indwelt this natural garden on the current one land mass (Gen. 1:9). This is known because the Septuagint (the oldest Greek translation of the Bible) translated this garden as the garden of Paradise. And there is more proof. Heaven's Tree of Life (Gen. 2:9, Rev. 22:2) was there within a natural tree centered within the garden, and Heaven's River of Life (Rev. 22:1) was also there indwelling the natural **“river (which) went out of Eden (Paradise) to water the garden” (Gen. 2:10)**. God was manifestly present. He was covered in His Shekinah **glory** as were also Adam and Eve before they sinned and became noticeably naked.

Heaven and earth had merged for a season before time began, in a span unknown. It could have been hundreds of what are now called years, for Adam named every creature that God had created (Gen. 2:20). That is an estimated 8.7 million in number. Before sin there were no weeds, sweat, pain, sickness, or death just marvelous beauty and plentifulness within an eternity of Life. But after mankind's sin, redemptive time began and God had to depart from the sin-stained earth along with Paradise (Tree of Life, River of Life etc.). But He did not trash His earnest desire to live and move among His natural children, on this natural planet earth. And He had it packed with every resource future mankind would need throughout the time He assigned for earth without His full Presence. But He still planned to live on earth among us.

### **THE TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE:**

Thereafter the LORD (*YHWH*) God reappeared as **fire** within a burning bush to Moses and later the **fire upon** mount Sinai. He earnestly desired to dwell among His covenant people Israel. Moses was instructed to have a special tent erected, the Tabernacle of the Congregation, as *YHWH's* throne room upon natural earth. It was built according to God's direction (Exod. 24-33, 34, 37-39), the priests were consecrated properly, and appropriate sacrifices were prepared to cover their sins on the day of its dedication (Lev. 1-9:22-24). And God appeared! How?



**“There came a fire out from before the LORD”** to accept their sacrifices (**Lev. 9:24**) as *YHWH* in Shekinah **glory “covered”** or was **upon** the tabernacle, and **“the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle”** (**Exod. 40:34-36**). Our Spirit-God, *YHWH*, became manifestly present among natural Israel on natural earth once again with **fire** by night and a cloud of Shekinah **glory** by day over His throne room protecting and providing for His family within a barren desert for forty years.

After those years God called Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land. When obedient to God’s instruction, their battles were supernaturally victorious. And *YHWH*’s throne within the tabernacle was finally set permanently at Shiloh. The outward **fire** by night and **glory** cloud by day were no longer necessary, but the God-Spirit, *YHWH*, still sat on His throne (the Ark of the Covenant) in Shekinah **glory** on natural earth among His family. Unfortunately, the sons of the High Priest Eli walked in sin. One day they took the Ark into Israel’s battle with the Philistines without seeking God’s permission. *YHWH* had to leave again. The tabernacle became **“Ichabod”** for His **“glory departed from Israel”** (**1 Sam. 4:21**). Yet *YHWH* God would not give up on His people. Many years later, king David appeared with a heart after God, but he also had much blood on his hands from warfare, so his son king

Solomon was called to build a permanent sanctuary for *YHWH*, a magnificent temple within the city of Jerusalem on mount Moriah.

This magnificent temple was also constructed according to God's instructions, the priests were consecrated, and proper sacrifices were made to cover Israel's sin for its dedication day (2 Chronicles 5-7). Chapter five was an inside view of the temple that day. Chapter six was king Solomon's dedication prayer given outside that day. Chapter seven shared God's acceptance of the sacrifices outside that day. **"Fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD (*YHWH*) filled the house and the glory of the LORD was upon the house" (Lev. 7:1). "The house was filled with a (Shekinah) cloud" so the priests inside "could not stand to minister" (2 Chron. 5:13-14) for the glory (*kabod*) of God means weighty. They were weighed down in God's glory. This was a jaw-dropping, magnificent day! The Creator and Maker of the universe was abiding once again among His chosen natural family.**

After Solomon's reign, the ten Northern tribes of Israel departed from Jerusalem and sinfully worshipped pagan gods thereafter. For their sin they were eventually taken captive by Assyrians. Eventually the residents of Judah (along with the tribe of Benjamin) also worshipped false gods. Due to such massive sin,

*YHWH* God had to leave earth again (Ezekiel 10). **“The glory of the LORD (*YHWH*) departed” (Ezek. 10:18)** through the East Gate and ascended to Heaven from the mount of Olives. Yet God *still* did not give up in abiding on natural earth. But this time He sent the Son of God, a human incarnated with *YHWH*, the *first natural human temple* named Jesus. Jesus did not only manifest and represent His Father while on earth, but He also took the sin of all mankind upon Himself so every believer may also become a living temple of God.

#### **THE FIRST LIVING TEMPLE—JESUS:**

God is Almighty but when God came to indwell a natural baby body, He laid aside *all* His supernatural authority and power. The Son **“made himself of no reputation”** meaning He emptied Himself of His divine power and **“took on the form of a servant,”** the limited, constrained, reduced, imperfect, capabilities of a natural human being (**Phil. 2:6-8**). At the age of thirty, the age in which prophets and priests (even chosen kings) began in ministry, Jesus also began His ministry. He was sent to live among the God’s covenant people, Israel, to represent and manifest His Spirit Father, *YHWH*. However, as a natural human being, the man Jesus needed an empowerment to accomplish His calling. And He *was* empowered. While baptized by His cousin John within the natural Jordan River, Jesus was also baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**“The Holy Ghost descended . . . like a dove upon Him” (Luke 3:22) and Jesus was filled or “full of the Holy Ghost” (Luke 4:1) just as were the previously built tabernacle and temple with the glory, of YHWH. When Jesus came out of from the wilderness, He “returned in the power (*dunamis* i.e., *miraculous power*) of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14). This supernatural power allowed Jesus to truly represent and manifest His Omnipotent Father. Jesus acknowledged His empowerment as an “**anointing**” enabling Him to miraculously heal the sick, deliver captives, still the storms, raise the dead, all to demonstrate the Kingdom of God which He preached (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus, the man anointed (5548 *chirio*) was now called Jesus Christ (5547 *Christos*).**

Thereafter Christ Jesus only said what the Father said, and only did what He saw the Father do (John 3:34, 5:19, 30, 8:26-28). As a natural but sinless human, Christ Jesus perfectly *represented* and *manifested* His Father YHWH Who was also entitled YHWH *Rapha*, the LORD Who heals, so Christ Jesus healed the sick. YHWH *Jireh* meant the LORD provides, so Christ Jesus fed the hungry multitudes. YHWH *Tsidkenu* meant the LORD Who makes one righteous, so Christ Jesus took our sins on the cross and rose again for us. Christ Jesus was YHWH’s perfect representor manifesting Him as a natural man working with the supernatural fire (power) and glory of YHWH God via the Holy Spirit.

## Three Distinct Expressions of God, the Son Deity then son of man then Christ Jesus

<b>Eternal Word</b>	<b>Word became flesh</b>	<b>Anointed One</b>
<b>Son of God</b>	<b>Jesus, a human</b>	<b>Jesus, supernatural</b>
<b>Deity</b>	<b>Son of man</b>	<b>Jesus Christ</b>
<b>Eternity prior and after time</b>	<b>Sinless Human only for 33 years of time</b>	<b>Empowered Human for 3 years of time on earth</b>

Old Covenant kings, priests, and prophets were also anointed. But they were *naturally* anointed with natural oil but also *supernaturally* **filled** with the Holy Spirit as was John the Baptist (Luke 1:41), his father Zacharias, a priest (Luke 1:67) and those throughout the Old Testament. They were **filled** but *not* baptized with the Holy Spirit. **Filled** (*pietho*) means *imbued, accomplished, full* of Holy Spirit, as a temporary visitation. This is well illustrated by a glass filled with water up to the brim of the glass. But Jesus was baptized (*baptizo*) in the Holy Spirit i.e., He was *whelmed (covered completely, over-powered) or immersed, submerged, and emerged* in the Holy Spirit as a permanent habitation. This is well illustrated by a glass of water within a basin of water, fully covered **upon**, and **filled** with water. Christ Jesus was also given the **“full measure of the Holy Spirit” (John 3:34, Col. 1:19)** meaning all five anointings of the five-fold ministries.

**Anointing = Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
Power and Authority of God Manifested**

<p><b>Holy Spirit</b></p> <p><b><u>FILLED</u> Jesus</b></p> <p><b>with</b></p> <p><b>YHWH's PRESENCE</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Spirit</b></p> <p><b><u>UPON</u> Jesus</b></p> <p><b>as</b></p> <p><b>Jesus' CALLING or mantle</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Spirit</b></p> <p><b><u>EMPOWERED</u> Jesus</b></p> <p><b>as</b></p> <p><b>Jesus' EQUIPPING for ministry</b></p>
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*Jesus did not appear in or use this supernatural power until He was proven (Luke 4:2-13). We will uncover that process in the last chapter for every believer baptized in the Holy Spirit must be proven. Once proven Christ Jesus “manifested forth His glory” (John 2:11). Christ Jesus became “the express image” (Heb. 1:3) of His Father. “Express image” (*charakter eikon*) means Christ Jesus was “of complete similarity” with the Father. Hereafter the Father wishes to fill the earth with His glory, through a massive number of living temples, His family on earth. When Jesus died on the cross, He took all mankind’s sin upon Himself, so those believing in Him would be made holy, righteous, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit as a living temple! After Jesus’ ascension, His current living temples (His disciples and followers) were also to be empowered to spread the Gospel message and thereby procreate more living temples.*

## THE FIRST NEW COVENANT TEMPLES:

The early Church, the body of Christ on earth, were God's original family of living temples (1 Cor. 6:19) called to represent and manifest God as did Christ Jesus. Therefore, an empowerment of the Church was necessary to equip Jesus' disciples **"for the work of the ministry"** (Eph. 4:12). The whole body of Christ was meant to be **filled** with His **glory** or Spirit, and receive His **fire** or supernatural power, to accomplish the Great Commission. John the Baptist foretold that this would occur when he said, **"He (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire"** (Matt. 3:11). Christ Jesus promised, **"he that believeth in Me the works that I do shall he do also"** (John 14:12a). But to do miraculous works requires miraculous empowerment.

At the dawn of Resurrection Day which Luke called **"the first day of the week early in the morning"** (Luke 24:1; John 20:1), the women followers of Jesus found His tomb empty. His body was gone. Two angels announced to them that Jesus had risen from the dead. Later that **"evening"** (Luke 24:36; John 20:19), Jesus appeared to His disciples in Jerusalem not as a spirit, but in flesh and bones—His resurrected glorified body. He ate some fish and honeycomb to prove He was not a mere ghost. Then He (1) spoke words to calm them, (2) announced His sending them, and then (3) gifted them with eternal Life.

He said, “(1) **Peace *be* unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even** (2) **so send I you. And when He had said this,** (3) **He breathed on them, and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:21-22).** They were all instantly reborn and made right with God by the breath of His Spirit. It was just like the beginning when God breathed His Spirit into Adam (Gen. 2:7) and Adam was given eternal Life and made right with God until he sinned. All the disciples there were born again that evening. Jesus had previously described each one’s salvation as “**a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14).** A well is plenty for one person and represents the blessings of God for each recipient saved. The Church of God was birthed on Resurrection Day. But that was not enough. They must also be baptized in the **glory** of the Holy Spirit with **fire**. Jesus instructed them to tarry in Jerusalem to receive their essential anointing as kings and priests (Rev. 1:6).

Jesus detailed His sending of them as preaching “**the remission of sins . . . among all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47).** That meant once baptized in the Holy Spirit like Jesus had been, they were to begin preaching to the Jews coming from numerous foreign Gentile nations assembling in the city of Jerusalem during the next feast day, Pentecost. To accomplish this calling. That meant it would be 50 days before they received this anointing.



Hereafter, scriptures sometimes refer to this baptism of the Holy Spirit as *the promise* or *the promise of the Father*. Jesus had foretold that this baptism would far surpass the “**well of water**” (John 4:14) of personal salvation. He described this empowerment as “**rivers of living water**” (John 7:38) flowing out from the belly (*koilia, spiritual heart and womb*) of each anointed believer to bless many others and miraculously lead them to repent and turn their lives over to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

First  
Well of Water – Everlasting Life  
(Salvation)  
Then  
Rivers of Living Water as  
Empowerment  
(Baptism of the Holy Spirit)



# The Promise of the Father

In the evening of Resurrection Day, the Church of Jesus Christ was born. Later that same evening Jesus made His first of four references to their baptism of the Holy Spirit as *the promise of the Father* along with specific instructions for His disciples.

**Luke 24:49 Behold, I send (1<sup>st</sup>) the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

The Greek word “endued” (*enduo*) means *clothed* likened to a mantle. The Greek word “power” (*dunamis*) means *supernatural miraculous power*. This was like the prophet Elijah passing his mantle on to Elisha. The mantle (or anointing) that had been upon Jesus as Christ was to be passed on to His body on earth, the Church, later called Christians (little Christs), to fulfil the Great Commission. This gift is a gift only for those who are already saved.

The Promise of the Father  
is a Free Gift of an Enduement of Power.

Forty days later, ten days before Pentecost, Jesus would soon ascend into Heaven. He had called 500 disciples to remain in the city of Jerusalem previously. Now Jesus did not ask, invite, or

request but *commanded* His followers to wait for this empowerment that they might manifestly represent *Him* on earth.

**Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for (2<sup>nd</sup>) the promise of the Father . . .  
5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

The Promise of the Father is  
the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples waited for ten days in an upper room in Jerusalem for the next feast, Pentecost, God's chosen timing for this coming gift.

The feast days of the LORD in the past were the timing of the natural redemptive of ancient Israel from Egypt, but once Jesus fulfilled Passover as the Paschal Lamb, God's timing restarted. The feast days became the timing of the spiritual redemption of *all* mankind. Also, ever since that day when God's Spirit was first poured out, any believer thereafter may receive this baptism without waiting. It is a spiritual baptism provided for any disciple throughout the Church Age to equip us like the early Church.

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power (*dunamis*) 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.**

The word “witnesses” is the Greek *martus*, connected to the word, martyr. To be a witness included that they would even be empowered to sacrifice their physical lives on earth to fulfil their calling to spread the Gospel throughout the earth.

The Promise of the Father  
Empowers His Witnesses  
Throughout the Earth.

All “**the hundred and twenty**” disciples (**Acts 1:15**) received the promise of the Father on the day of Pentecost. It was a supernatural gift from a supernatural God. “**There appeared unto them (the 120) cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost (God’ glory), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:3-4)**. The Spirit of God like fire sat upon them. They were on fire as had been Christ Jesus. And they were filled with God’s glory, the Holy Spirit, as had been Christ Jesus. They were anointed i.e., equipped with miraculous power to spread the Gospel as had been Christ Jesus. None of them had the fullness of the Spirit, and no one will ever have the fullness of the Spirit throughout the Church Age. Only Jesus was gifted this fully.

## The Promise of the Father Provides Fire and Power with the Sign of Tongues.

Tongues is the sign of the Father's promise. **“Having received of the Father (3<sup>rd</sup>) the promise of the Holy Ghost, he that shed forth this . . . ye now see and hear” (Act 2:33)**. The pilgrim Jews that had traveled to Jerusalem from all over the world were able to *see* and *hear* the outcome of this spiritual baptism. They *saw* some of the 120 disciples staggering under the weight of God's **glory** thinking at first that they must be drunk with wine, but they acted like the priests inside Solomon's temple when God appeared. And the pilgrim Jews also *heard* these disciples speak that day in their known languages praising God. Those speaking had no idea what they were saying for it was not *their* known language. They only spoke these languages that day to convince these pilgrims that God was behind all of this.

## The Promise of the Father can be Seen and Heard.

The Apostle Peter then arose and preached the first anointed evangelistic message and offered these pilgrim Jews two distinct gifts pledged by God for all. First, they must believe and

receive Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior. That is, they must repent of their sins to be saved, washed with the Blood of Jesus, reborn and made right with God, receiving the well of everlasting Life (John 4:14) and baptized with water in the Name of Jesus (the singular Name that represents our triune God as in Matt. 28:19).

**Acts 2:38a Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized (naturally in water) every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins . . .**

Eternal Life is mankind's greatest gift from God. We are baptized in water to symbolize our conversion from eternal death to eternal Life. But that was not all that was offered to these listeners.

The Apostle Peter then mentioned the second gift from God which everyone may receive once saved to be empowered to live productively while living in Satan's temporary dark domain, natural earth that has been cursed since the first Adam's sin.

**Acts 2:38b . . . and (in addition) ye shall receive the (spiritual) baptism of the Holy Spirit (not water).**

In one day, 3,000 Jews were saved, water baptized, *and* baptized in the Holy Spirit. Their lives were drastically changed for the better, so they did not wish to return right away to their homes within foreign lands as they usually did after a feast was kept. Instead, they remained in Jerusalem to learn more about their

Messiah. That is why the local believers of Jerusalem were selling their properties. They did so to feed these new converts for as long as they remained in the city of Jerusalem.

## The Promise of the Father is Additional to our Salvation

Some believe this supernatural empowerment was only meant for the early Church, but this does not align with another mention of this promise announced by Apostle Peter.

**Acts 2:39 For (4<sup>th</sup>) the promise** (referring to the promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Spirit) **is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

God is still calling people to Jesus all around the globe. Any believer throughout the full Church Age is offered this precious and marvelous gift, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Just ask and receive.

## The Promise of the Father is Available throughout the Church Age

Once anointed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Peter's shadow healed the sick (Acts 5:15-16). His prayer raised the dead



Dorcas to life (Acts 9:40). Peter and John laid hands on the Samaritan converts and they too were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17). The apostles were known for signs and wonders (Acts 5:12) and multitudes came to faith in Christ Jesus (Acts 5:14) through their works and preaching up to 5,000 at a time (Acts 4:4). All of this was a result of the supernatural power (*dunamis*) given them by a supernatural God to manifestly represent Him.

This anointing was not given only to the 120 in the upper room but also the 3,000 saved that day. Believing Samaritans also received it (Acts 8:15). The first Gentile believers were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit too. **“The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word . . . (and Peter) heard them (the Gentiles) speak with tongues and magnify God” (Acts 10:44-46)**. The Church of Ephesus spoke in tongues (Acts 19:6) and the church of Corinth spoke in tongues and made use of the nine spiritual gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12). Most of the early Church spoke and prayed in tongues. The primary writer of the New Testament, the Apostle Paul, claimed that he spoke in tongues **“more than ye all” (1 Cor. 14:18)**. But the Church veered off the course of Messianic leadership when pagan Rome overtook Christianity called Catholicism. This disempowered the Church for several centuries while persecuting true followers carrying this gift.

Thereafter believers who spoke in tongues were not only persecuted but even martyred during the Inquisition. This gift became a secret in the dark ages but erupted again and again over the last few centuries. Speaking, in the supernatural language called tongues (Greek *glossa*), reappeared, and spread every time there was a revival—God’s **fire** and **glory** settling upon earthen vessels—during the two Great Awakenings, the Welsch revival, Azusa Street revival, this healing movement, and the recent Argentina revival, Toronto revival, Pensacola revival, Brazilian revival and more. This author has witnessed many revivals. Christ (the Holy Spirit) stills wills to move through any willing believer to heal the sick and reach the lost all to the glory of Christ Jesus! Don’t miss out on this precious gift!



# Today's Living Temples

Today's Church desperately needs the baptism of the Holy Spirit in these evil last days. Every believer throughout the Church Age on earth was meant to minister like Christ Jesus, manifestly representing Him on this natural platform called planet earth. **"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power (*dunamis*); Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38).** The Apostle Paul wrote that God made the Church **"stand firm in Christ. He anointed us" (2 Cor. 1:21 NIV).** The body of Christ on earth, all believers, are meant to be anointed with the Holy Spirit to operate like Christ Jesus did.

Remember once saved, we were recreated as a **"new creature" (2 Cor. 5:17)**, a **"new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him" (Col. 3:10).** The more we come to know Jesus, the more our faith and lifestyle grows to be like Him. This is confirmed also in **2 Cor. 3:18 AMPC.** As we study the Word, we unveil His intent for us and are **"constantly being transformed into His very own image."** Just like the Hebrew word translated as "image" (*demwth*), this Greek word translated "image" (*eikon*) also means *representation* and *manifestation*. A supernatural God should be manifested by supernatural works.

Though none of us will receive the full measure of the Holy Spirit *given to* Jesus, Jesus foretold that we would do the same works as He did and even “**greater works**” (**John 14:12b**). Really? Yes. For example, when evangelist Daniel Kolenda of Christ for All Nations preaches in Africa thousands are saved and hundreds are healed and delivered every night. Millions have been saved by this ministry. That is a greater work, a work that also greatly pleases our Lord Jesus. Not all of us have one of the callings of the five-fold ministries, but every believer baptized in the Holy Spirit may experience miracles when reaching out to the lost. Read another free book, *Evangelizing Prayer*. It shares many simple examples.

Every believer is meant to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and use its sign, the gift of tongues. The moment someone is baptized in the Holy Spirit, they should instantly speak in tongues. This gift alone is precious and powerful especially for individual and collective prayer. Tongues will remain our gift throughout our lifetime on earth unless we walk away from our faith in Jesus. But to heal the sick miraculously or do other supernatural work, we must be proven as was Jesus. We will examine that topic in the last chapter. But know this. We do not have to be perfect. None of us will ever be perfect on earth, yet God will use us. Most everyone baptized in the Holy Spirit will experience miracles sometime within their lives on earth!

**“The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal” (1 Cor. 12:7)** but perhaps especially in these last days as darkness fills the earth and within the Tribulation years through the 144,000 Jewish evangelist. We need these tongues *now*, for currently **“we see through a glass darkly” (1 Cor. 13:13)**. But when Christ Jesus, returns to earth for His Millennial Reign i.e., **“Perfect is come” (1 Cor. 13:10)**, we will see Him **“face to Face” (1 Cor. 13:12)**. Then there will be no need of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8-10). **“Prophecies . . . shall fail, tongues . . . shall cease,** (and the gift of) **knowledge . . . shall vanish away” (1 Cor. 13:8)**. Why? Because Christ Jesus will reign over all the earth as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Until Christ’s wonderful Millennial Reign, mankind needs both salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, **“For everyone that asketh receiveth” (Luke 11:10)**. But first make sure you are a child of God saved and washed by the sinless Blood of Jesus. Pray the first prayer for the greatest gift ever, the gift of salvation, made righteous or in right-standing with God by the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross for our sins. Then request in prayer our second great gift, the endowment of the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for the work of the ministry, to spread the Gospel with others in God’s love and supernatural power.

## **PRAYER OF SALVATION**

God, I renounce Satan and all my sinful actions and ways that separated me from You. I thank Jesus for dying on the cross to pay the debt of my sins. I thank You for raising Jesus from the dead to give me a new Life eternal. I choose to surrender my life to Jesus and follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the rest of my life. Amen.

Hereafter your prayers in your natural tongue, should always be addressed to your Heavenly Father in the Name of Jesus. This is how Jesus taught His disciples to pray (John 16:23) before they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. However, when praying in tongues, the Holy Spirit will guide you with every word. Just yield to Him and allow Him to pray through you.

## **PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Heavenly Father, I pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. Lord Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit. I receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit by faith in Your Word. May the anointing, the glory, and the power of God come upon me and within my life right now. May I be empowered for Your service from this day forward. Thank You, Father, that You have heard my prayer. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for baptizing me in Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

# Praying in Tongues

There is supernatural impact and advantage when praying in tongues. It is a unique spiritual God-given language spirit to Spirit. Tongues are mentioned within the “**diversities of gifts**” (**1 Cor. 12:1**). This “diversities” (*diarsis*) merely means *variety*, because there are nine different spiritual gifts which are connected to the five-fold ministry and to any believer on fire for Christ.

## **Three Oracle or Vocal Gifts:**

(Gifts especially for intercessors and any others)

- 1) prophecy
- 2) **divers kinds** (1085 *genos*) **of tongues**
- 3) interpretation of tongues

## **Three Power or Working Gifts:**

(Gifts especially for evangelists and anyone evangelizing)

- 1) gift of faith
- 2) gifts of healing
- 3) working of miracles

## **Three Revelatory or Mind Gifts:**

(Gifts especially for five-fold ministries and any others)

- 1) word of knowledge
- 2) word of wisdom
- 3) discerning of spirits

The **five-fold ministry** is another gift given the Church by God. These five positions are listed and defined in two different

ways. Congregations on fire, often have three of the five positions within their leadership.

**Eph. 4:11 . . . apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers . . .**

**1 Cor. 12:28 . . . apostles, . . . prophets, . . . teachers, . . . miracles . . . gifts of healings** (for evangelistic ministry, not only evangelists), **helps, governments, diversities of tongues** (those assisting the pastoral ministry and pastors).

For a congregation, the “helps” refer to the ushers, janitors, parking lot workers, etc. The “governments” includes accountants and/or administrators. The “diversities (*genos*) of tongues” primarily refer to intercessors. All these people are assisting the pastor as he or she cares for the flock, or the pastor also shares some of these gifts.

Remember the “diversities” (*diairesis*) of the gifts merely means a *variety* of gifts, the nine different gifts of Spirit. But the “divers kinds of tongues” and “diversities of tongues” are from a different word (*genos*) meaning *offspring, family, and specifically the aggregate of many individuals of the same nature, i.e., the family of God*. A least one unique tongue is given to every child in God’s family that is baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is a special gift we should not avoid receiving and utilizing thereafter. When we pray in tongues, our reborn righteous spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit is praying (1 Cor. 14:14), not our imperfect soul or worldly flesh body.



This unique tongue is a vocal pathway to our heavenly Father *YHWH*. Tongues (*glossa*) means *language*, but this is a *spiritual language*. It is our supernatural communication to personally fellowship with God or petition to God. It is directly led by the Holy Spirit dwelling within our reborn holy spirit. And there is more. The word, *genos*, is also closely related to *gnosis* i.e., knowledge and *ginosko* i.e., getting to know God personally and intimately, *ginomai* i.e., to arise, to be finished and *gnostes*, a *knower*. Paul wrote this as his desire. **“That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings being made conformable unto His death” (Phil. 3:10)**. That should be our desire also. And tongues will assist this.

Tongues are a God-chosen unique language given to each receiver so he/she may get to know Him intimately and be well led by the One Who is an expert and knows everything, to arise us to be finished. This language is completely safe for it cannot be encrypted by the devil. Satan and his minions cannot interpret our tongues. It is private conversation with God, spirit to Spirit. It is safer than using duckduckgo. The Holy Spirit gives us the words to speak. We merely humble our tongue and vocal cords to release them as did the 120 when **“they . . . began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4)**.

However, sometimes the tongue we speak may be a known language. Some of the first tongues given in the upper room of **Acts 2** were the languages of the Jews that had come afar off to Jerusalem from Gentile nations for Pentecost. These foreign Jews heard some worship God in their own languages and responded saying we **“hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God” (Acts 2:7-8, 11)**. Some of the Azusa Street attendees became missionaries to the countries of which they were given that country’s language. They not *only* spoke it; they understood it. Sometimes one may speak a known language just momentarily to confirm to a listener that this is God speaking to them. I remember hearing one speak in Hebrew and a Jew was there in the midst. It startled her to hear God speak to her. But shortly thereafter, she was saved.

Everyone baptized in the Holy Spirit has this personal spiritual *unknown* or encrypted language only God can decipher. It is a private connection with Him. **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries” (1 Cor. 14:2)**. With the gift of tongues, we speak to God, yet we also speak mysteries. “Mysteries” (*musterion*) means **“a hidden or secret things, not obvious to the understanding”** i.e.,

**(beyond all knowledge and intelligence) [AMPC].** Tongues are only given to a reborn spirit in the image of God (2 Cor 5:17).

As individuals, sometimes we may wish to understand our tongues. We may ask for an interpretation of our tongues. And that is fine.

**1 Corinthians 14:13-16 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding (mind) is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also, Else when thou shalt bless (give thanks) with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?**

How does this happen? This occurs when the individual speaks or sings in tongues and then in English back and forth. Or speaks or sings in tongues while spiritually knowing what it is all about though not word by word. However, the offering of tongues and interpretation before a gathering of believers is different. That is one of the nine gifts. It is equivalent to New Testament prophecy but not Old Testament prophecy. It is the only time tongues are used publicly except also in collective prayer gatherings when everyone together is praying in tongues.

Tongues are primarily for our individual spirit to **speak, pray, sing, give thanks, praise, and worship** our God, personally.

**1 Corinthians 14:14 (AMPC) . . . my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays . . .**

**Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.**

**Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

The Holy Spirit gives us the words to speak or sing. We merely yield to Him to vocalize them with our natural tongue and vocal cords. When in tongues, it is spiritual. The phrase, **“I will pray with the spirit” (1 Cor. 14:15)** means we may choose to pray in tongues for it is more effective than praying from our limited understanding.

The Old Covenant (OC) saints prayed with their understanding the written Word or scripture (Greek *graphe*), the will of God. That is good! We should do that also. But there were special times in the OC when the Spirit of God would come upon them to speak or prophecy by the Spirit. These were temporal anointed words, the Greek *rhema*. It was the Holy Spirit Himself praying through them. Now in the New Covenant (NC) we are re-

created spirits, filled with His Holy Spirit so we have an advantage over the OC saints. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and we may let the Holy Spirit lead us in prayer anytime *we choose* to yield to Him with tongues or with tongues and interpretation, or when *He* chooses by the Spirit of Intercession to come upon us and ignite us to pray.

Apostle Paul achieved much by the power of Holy Spirit. He confirmed that he spoke in tongues more than anyone else for he recognized its supernatural value and impact. Paul was the one who spread the Gospel throughout the known world. God did signs, wonders and miracles through him (Acts 19:11, Rom. 15:19). God healed the sick through him (Acts 19:12, 28:8-9). God casted out devils through him (Acts 16:18, 19:15). But Paul did not speak in tongues during church services but only privately in prayer or with others in gatherings of prayer.

We need the Holy Spirit while living in this end-day world of massive sin and darkness. Jesus called the Holy Spirit as our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby and Spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17 AMPC). Though the mental portion of our soul (our understanding) would prefer that we pray with our understanding all the time, our understanding is not sufficient unless it is inspired by the Holy

Spirit prophetically. We must learn to yield our soul to work together with our reborn spirit baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:26-27 . . . the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit (Himself) maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

The word, “helpeth” (*sunantilambanomai*) means *take hold at the side for assistance* or mutually bear the same load together. The “infirmities” (*astheneia*) here do not refer to sicknesses but of the *weaknesses and limitations of our understanding, knowledge, intellect*. Our knowledge is extremely finite, whereas God’s knowledge is infinite. He is Omniscient.

Our natural understanding is like the Titanic in the sea of icebergs. We see the small top of the iceberg above the water’s surface. But we do not see the massive portion underneath the water. It was the unseen portion of an iceberg that sunk the Titanic. But the Holy Spirit knows everything and will assist us. In verse **26b** “. . . the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings.” These are intercessory groanings that can find no words in articulate speech. We will dig deeper into that later in the

chapter of *Travailing Prayer*. We are currently focused on our usual prayer in tongues led by the Holy Spirit

Overall, who do we want to pray for us and our situations? God or us? The goal is not that we only pray to God but that we allow God to pray through us! God created everything through spoken words. What could He do through us if we allow Him to speak, pray, and proclaim His will through us on earth? As we choose to yield to the Holy Spirit within our spirit, we have His unlimited power, authority, and omniscience at our disposal. YET MORE PRECISELY, as we choose to yield to the Holy Spirit within our spirit, HE HAS *OUR* YIELDED MEMBERS AT *HIS* DISPOSAL!

God far more knows what we need than what we know. **“He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit” (v. 27a)** i.e., He **“searches the hearts of men” (AMPC)** for what we *truly* need. He knows our needs far better than we do. And . . . He makes intercession for the saints **“according to the will of God” (v. 27b)**. The tongues He gives us to speak are perfectly in harmony with God’s will. Speaking and praying in tongues is the spirit of man and the Spirit of God working harmoniously together as one to bring about the will of God in that situation. Praying in tongues should be a daily activity for God’s will to flourish during our life on earth.

Every time we pray in tongues, we pray God's will, with great results. **“And this is our confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us: and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him” (1 John 5:14-15).** To pray with the understanding the written Word (*graphie*) or will of God is fine, but always continue each topic in tongues. For the Holy Spirit knows what we don't know, and He may give us a deeper request of the situation or a prophetic word to pray or proclaim for more. The power of prayer depends on the one who is leading the prayer, our restricted soul or God's limitless All-Knowing Spirit!

If we pray the Word of God in faith, it's unstoppable in power. But we need to know the Word for every situation, believe the Word, speak the Word, and act on the Word to succeed. And that is good! But any prayer though our spirit by the Holy Spirit will *always* pray the will of God which will be heard and answered *every time*! We need our spirit to lead our understanding, and not our understanding to limit or confine our spirit reborn in the image of God. They must work together i.e., our soul led by our new spirit while our new spirit is led by the Holy Spirit in and through us.

Prayer taken over by the Holy Spirit will release God-Life and God-power and authority every time including revival! For it



is “**not by might**, (physical strength) **nor by power**, (soul power/ understanding) **but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zech. 4:6)**. “The LORD of hosts” here is God’s military title, and we too may fight the darkness in tongues by His Spirit. Each believer may find that they have multiple languages or tongues in addition to their personal tongue of fellowship with God.

You may have numerous tongues of praise, worship, and warfare. **Romans 6:13** says that we are to yield ourselves unto God and our members (tongue, vocal cords) as “**instruments of righteousness.**” The word “instruments” (*hoplon*) actually means *weapons*. When praying in a warfare language, do not be surprised if you take on a fierce demeanor and speak louder or harsher with authority. Why? We are speaking to the enemy in a language given us by the Holy Spirit that the enemy *does* understand, a known language to them. Never quit praying too soon when in battle. Always continue until there is a release (God’s peace, God’s Presence, victorious shouts, or tongue of jubilant praise).

You may also find great joy in singing in tongues. The easiest way to start is to sing your usual tongues to a melody you well know. Eventually the melody will come along with the supernatural lyrics in a variety of languages given you to utter. Eventually you may experience prophetic songs or songs of

tongues and interpretation. The more you speak, pray, and sing in tongues, the more you will uncover the many languages the Lord has granted you to use. Use your precious gift!

“New songs” (Hebrew *tehillah*) are so powerful, inspired by God’s Spirit. They may be released prophetically in English or in tongues. God requested His people to **“sing unto the LORD a new song”** (Hebrew *tehillah*) [Ps. 96:1]. A new song is empowered because God **“inhabitest the praises (*tehillah*)”** [Ps. 22:3] meaning He is enthroned or will rule over the situation of the person or persons singing praises (*tehillah*). It is supernatural! In the days of king Jehoshaphat, three nations came to destroy the city of Jerusalem. The Judeans sought God and He instructed them to go out the next day praising Him. He said the **“the battle is not yours, but Mine”** (2 Chron. 20:1-25). They went out the next day. The singers led them, **“and when they began to sing and to praise (*tehillah*), the LORD set ambushments against (all their enemies) . . . and they (the enemies) were smitten”** (2 Chron. 20:22). Give it a try.

Let Your Tongue  
be a  
Weapon of Righteousness

# Travailing Prayer

The word “travail” in the natural realm refers to toil and work, labor pains, the overall agony of a mother giving natural birth to a baby. But travailing prayer is supernatural. Jesus had mentioned two distinctly different births. **“That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6)**. Natural mothers give birth to natural babies, but Christians may also birth lost souls into Life, the Kingdom of God via this supernatural form of prayer—travailing prayer. This prayer only occurs at the timing and calling of the Holy Spirit. We can’t make it happen. The Holy Spirit initiates this prayer. But if you speak, pray, and sing in tongues, you may occasionally be burdened for this cause and experience its marvelous results. Just remain yielded to Holy Spirit and He may travail through you.

Travailing prayer is a weighty kind of spiritual prayer. It is so powerful that it may birth another one’s deliverance, healing, salvation, or even revival. The Apostle Paul wrote about this effective prayer to the Church of Rome which we studied earlier concerning the usual praying in tongues, but now we will uncover even more as we decipher a portion of this scripture.

**Romans 8:26b . . . the Spirit (Himself) makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

This prayer is initiated by the Spirit of Intercession, in other words, the Spirit starts it, we do not. This is written as **“the Spirit . . . maketh intercession” (Rom. 8:27)**. We may begin by praying in tongues, but only He may convert it into travail.

Travailing prayer is powerful and fully accomplished by the Holy Spirit within and through us. It is not merely our praying in normal tongues but with the deep **“groanings”** written by Paul that cannot be expressed in words. These **“groanings”** (*stenagmos*) are specifically defined as *the intercessory groanings of the Holy Spirit*. *Stenagmos* comes from *stenazo* defined as *praying with grief*. It is likened to a pregnant woman giving birth to her natural baby. But this travail is a grieving spiritual birth through one’s spirit and compliant soul even surpassing one’s flesh while in intercession.

This prayer is loaded with sighs, groans, and wailings loud and often long, within a birthing position of the flesh taken by the leading of the Spirit, along with passionate weeping. God is preciously sharing and revealing His feelings for those lost in sin or in any harsh condition. It is totally supernatural. It will continue until the birthing is completed. Then relief, peace, and joy will change the demeanor of the intercessor involved. If other intercessors are near, they may serve as midwives praying in tongues surrounding the one travailing as a shield of protection.

Though the Old Covenant prophets were not baptized in the Holy Spirit, they *were* filled by the Holy Spirit when divinely urged to prophecy, preach, and even pray. The prophet Elijah experienced travailing prayer. After God's fire came out of Heaven to consume Elijah's drenched sacrifice, Israel recognized that *YHWH* was the One True God, not Baal. Elijah had the Israelites slaughter the false Baal prophets. Then he climbed to the top of mount Carmel to pray for rain after three and a half years of his prayers for drought. **“He cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees” (1 Kings 18:42)**. His “cast down” is translated as “bowed down” in the Classic Amplified Version.

Elijah's stance was the same as a woman giving birth. Phinehas' wife **“bowed herself and travailed” (1 Sam. 4:19)** for the natural birth of her son, Ichabod. Elijah was now in a birthing posture, and his prayer birthed the much-needed rain. James later called Elijah's prayer **“the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:15)**. The Dake Bible classified this prayer as the *prayer of a just man wrought in him by divine energy*. It was by the Holy Spirit interceding within Elijah. And it rained!

The prophet Jeremiah announced a warning from the LORD God to Judah to humble herself from her pride for if not, she would be led into darkness and captivity. But there was no change

of their hearts. Scripturally it seems that Jeremiah travailed in prayer for he wrote: **“But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears because the LORD’s flock is carried away captive” (Jer. 13:17)**. This singular “eye” indicates that the weeping was through his spirit which then manifested as natural tears also from his physical eyes.

The prophet Isaiah also received a grievous vision of great suffering coming to Babylon where many Judeans were still captive. There was a great heaviness upon his heart. He wrote, that **“pangs have taken hold upon me as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing it” (Isa. 21:3)**. This **“burden” (Isa. 21:1)** was a heavy load given him by God. He felt it and probably allowed the Holy Spirit to lead him in groans to birth their protection. “Pangs” are defined as *the writhings of a parturient woman, the pain and alarm in childbirth*. But these were spiritual pangs, a deep form of prayer.

The NC saints were not only filled on occasion with the Holy Spirit like the OC kings, priests, and prophets. NC saints were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul had led the Galatians to Christ Jesus years before but thereafter the legalizing, judaizing false teachers deceptively drove them back to working for their

salvation. They were deceived and had fallen away from their true salvation by faith in Christ Jesus. Paul was heart-broken by this news. God would rescue them again through Paul as he wrote: **“my little children of whom I travail in birth until Christ be formed in you” (Gal. 4:19)**. This word “formed” (*morphoo*) meant Paul would travail in prayer until their mind and life was in complete harmony with the mind and life of Christ, their return to faith.

If you truly love the lost as does God, you may find yourself fully yielded to the Holy Spirit as He travails through you for their salvation. Do not be fearful. Trust in God. It is an honor to be used for the salvation of others just by laying down our physical body to allow God to give a spiritual birth, healing, or deliverance through us. The ending joy and results are worthy of our time and tears.

The  
Effectual Fervent Prayer  
of a  
Righteous Man  
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# Proven

Jesus commanded His disciples of all ages to **“go”** and **“preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15)**, baptize them in water and **“make (them) disciples” (Matt. 28:19)**. But He also commanded believers to lay hands on the sick to heal them in the Name of Jesus, to cast out devils in the Name of Jesus too, and **“speak with new tongues” (Mark 16:17-18)** just as Christ Jesus had sent the 12 and the 70 (Luke 9, 10). We are meant to represent and manifest our Lord Jesus through our words of love, lifestyle of love, and works of love in His Name or authority (Matt. 28:18) once baptized in the Holy Spirit. But we must be proven just as Jesus was proven. How? It is all within a few verses.

Christ Jesus had to be proven or approved to walk in the *dunamis* of the Holy Spirit. At His water baptism the Holy Spirit as a dove came upon Him (Luke 3:22) and He was filled or **“full of the Holy Spirit” (Luke 4:1a)**. Then the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness (Luke 4:1b). More precisely, the Holy **“Spirit (forcefully drove) Him into the wilderness” (Mark 1:12)**, a solitary, lonely, desolate, uninhabited place excessively hot and dry. Yet, the man Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (Christ in Him) and obedient. Jesus’ soul and body were yielded to the Holy Spirit within Him. Jesus fasted from food for forty days in that miserable desert while Satan

waited for Him to be physically vulnerable when His flesh entered the start of starvation.

Christ Jesus was TEMPTED by Satan and TRIED by *YHWH* God, His Father. Jesus repeatedly resisted Satan's temptations to sin by speaking the written Word of God like a sword piercing the darkness from His mouth (Eph. 6:17, Heb. 4:12). Jesus avoided the same temptations that had deceived Eve, **"the lust of flesh, the lust of eyes, and the pride of life"** (Gen. 3:1-6, **1 John 2:16**). That is why Jesus told His disciples to watch and pray for though our spirit may be strong, our flesh is weak (Matt. 26:41). Satan failed that day, but he continued tempting Christ Jesus throughout His three-year ministry. Christ Jesus never fell for He is the Word (*Logos*), knows the Word (*graphe*), speaks the Word (*rhema*), and lives the Word. And we need to follow Him in this way.

Unlike Satan, *YHWH* did not tempt Jesus, nor has He ever tempted anyone (James 1:12-13). Instead, God TRIED or TESTED Jesus to approve Him for a full supernatural empowerment. Two verses within the Old Testament explain God's purpose in TRYING or TESTING Jesus and any other child of faith. One is:

**Proverbs 17:3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but the LORD (*YHWH*) trieth the hearts.**

“Finishing” (*banyan*) means *building*. The trials we go through build our character. The word “pot” (*mitsreph*) which comes from a “crucible” (*tsaraph*) means *to fuse, refine, cast, founder, melt pure, purge away, try*. Crucibles are used in chemistry labs as a resilient vessel heated very high to melt any metal or mineral within it. This represents severely trying circumstances to TEST a person. The heat of a furnace (*kuwp*) *smelts the impurities out of metals*. Our trials purify us. Jesus’s trials proved Him as perfectly pure.

Another verse originally referred to the nation, Israel, but it provides more understanding of God’s TESTING of Jesus.

**Isaiah 48:10b . . . I have chosen thee (Israel, and later Jesus) in the furnace of affliction.**

Satan’s workings and God’s workings totally differed. The devil TEMPTED Christ Jesus to sin so he could prove Him impure, unqualified to walk in God’s power. This is confirmed by all the definitions of both “tempt” and “temptation.” But God TESTED Jesus. The word “chosen” (*bachar*) means *to test to approve, allow, examine, prove, and accept as excellent*. Satan TEMPTED Christ Jesus to sin so He could prove Him impure. God TESTED Christ Jesus to prove before the audience of all levels of beings in the heavenlies, that the Son was solely pure and therefore He could rightfully be fully empowered by the Holy Spirit!

So, Jesus **“returned in the power (*dunamis*) of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14)** and announced His anointing in His hometown of Nazareth as foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18-19). Some listeners immediately hated Jesus for His claim of Messiah’s anointing. Some Christians today may hate this written booklet too that every believer may be anointed. Nevertheless thereafter, Christ—the anointed human, Jesus—healed the sick, cast out devils, fed multitudes of people, stilled storms, and raised the dead. His miracles made the religious leaders envious and angry, and today’s religious spirit is the same. But Jesus drew masses of Israelis *to* God by the works *of* God through Him. The only situation that halted Jesus’ power was *the lack of faith of those around Him*. Christ Jesus demonstrated who we are meant to appears when Christ lives and moves in and through us!

Jesus was the first **“man approved of God . . . by miracles, and wonders and signs which God did by Him” (Acts 2:22)**. Jesus was the first-born human temple of the invisible Spirit God, the Father (Col. 1:15). Christ Jesus manifestly represented His supernatural Father while on earth. His brethren—everyone born again thereafter, the Church on earth—are to do the same. We will be tempted and tried. God’s trials will refine us, purify us, and approve us to move in God’s supernatural power for His glory, not ours. We are not perfect like Jesus and never will be, but if we

follow our Shepherd in faith, walk in love among the lost, miracles will occur through us also.

We are meant to live like our Lord and Savior Jesus while we are on natural earth. But it also takes faith. Our faith comes by **“the hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17)** especially from our own lips. That is why this author also wrote *Transforming Prayers*. Our continual declaration of the written Word transforms us to reflect the Word. It is a transformation or metamorphosis from natural works to supernatural works through natural beings. Living in the image of Christ Jesus is intended to be our reality while we walk on earth. We are meant to express our loving God before those lost in sin around us. We need to pursue this empowerment to His glory and use it all the way to our Rapture or physical death! Consider making this confession of faith regularly:

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Christ is in me, and the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, recover the sight of the blind, and set at liberty them that are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord all to His glory! It is no longer I that live but Christ Who lives in me.

(Based on Luke 4:18-19, Gal. 2:20)





*This is the one of this author's shortest, yet most empowering book written freely for any reader. We are living in the end-days which are darkening around us, but the greatest out-pouring of God's Spirit is on our horizon before we are snatched from earth. Since the beginning, all mankind was meant to manifest and represent our supernatural God Who is a Spirit (John 4:24) while living on natural earth. Unfortunately, sin halted that. But after Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He also made a way for us to follow Him into miraculous works by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are called to walk in God's love and power to spread Gospel of the Kingdom of God.*

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