## TONGUES: FROM SATAN OR FROM GOD?

Received some negative comment on the mail relating to tongues and, having responded, thought it appropriate to send to the list as well.

Hi ....

Thought quite a bit about your mail and felt should write again.

Firstly, important to stress that there are MANY demonic tongues and demonic manifestations associated with these demonic tongues and demonic anointings. Totally agree with you on that point.

Secondly, there are many carnal displays of "praying in tongues" which do not conform to Scripture in terms of tongues not being for public display when there is no interpretation.

## 1 Corinthians 14:27-28

27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.

28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. (NKJ)

In other words, a large proportion of what is presented as being of Yahweh is NOT. Anyone with reasonable spiritual discernment will recognize this.

However, there are many scriptures which refer to tongues and interpretation - see appendix.

Consider particularly 1 Corinthians 14:2 "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." (NKJ)

Furthermore, there is no basis for Satan to counterfeit something which is not from Yahweh, so, accepting that there are demonic tongues implies that there must also be tongues from Yahweh, even if seldom encountered, else there would be nothing for Satan to counterfeit.

Please pray about this. Do not want to get into division over this point but it IS an important truth that is lost to much of the Body and corrupted in much of the rest of the Body. Like all other truths in this realm, it is necessary for it to be restored. True HOLY SPIRIT inspired prayer in another language is exceptionally powerful and extremely important and therefore greatly hated by Satan. In this case, as with many other critical truths, the

more vicious the condemnation, the more likely that somewhere in the middle is a critical truth trying to get out.

Shalom

James

# APPENDIX SCRIPTURES RELATING TO TONGUES

## Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other **tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (NKJ)

#### Acts 2:11

11 "Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them speaking in our own **tongues** the wonderful works of God." (NKJ)

#### Acts 10:46

46 For they heard them speak with **tongues** and magnify God. Then Peter answered, (NKJ)

## Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with **tongues** and prophesied. (NKJ)

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of **tongues**, to another the interpretation of **tongues**. (NKJ)

#### 1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of **tongues**. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 12:30

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with **tongues**? Do all interpret? (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 13:1

Though I speak with the **tongues** of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:4

4 He who speaks in a **tongue** edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:5

I wish you all spoke with **tongues**, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with **tongues**, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. (NKJ)

#### 1 Corinthians 14:6

But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? (NKJ)

#### 1 Corinthians 14:9

9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the **tongue** words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:13

13 Therefore let him who speaks in a **tongue** pray that he may interpret. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:14

14 For if I pray in a **tongue**, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak with **tongues** more than you all; (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:19

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**. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:21

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. (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:23

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? (NKJ)

## 1 Corinthians 14:26

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a **tongue**, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (NKJ)

#### 1 Corinthians 14:27

27 If anyone speaks in a **tongue**, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. (NKJ)

- 1 Corinthians 14:39
- Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with **tongues**. (NKJ)