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BROKEN BODY

1 CORINTHIANS

Broken Tongues & Prophetic Problems

1 Corinthians 14:1-25



“The Spirit’s work tends to be spoken of man-centeredly, as if God’s power is something made available for us to switch on and use by a technique of thought and will. Also, the idea gets around that God’s power works in us automatically so far as we let it do so, so that in effect we regulate it by the degree of our consecration and faith at any one time.”

- J.I. Packer

“Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem, Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own language?””

Acts 2:5-8

“They despised fellow worshipers and visiting preachers who struck them as less gifted than themselves and tried to outdo one another in showing off their gifts whenever the church met. They were valuing gifts and freedom above righteousness, love and service.”

J.I. Packer

What is Paul talking about when he refers to the gift of prophecy?

1. This is not equivalent to Old Testament prophecy authored by God himself. It is not infallible, authoritative or canon threatening.
2. The prophecy referred to here would fall under what Charles Spurgeon referred to as “impressions of the Holy Spirit”.

Prophecy

The specific secrets of an individual's heart being disclosed, demonstrating the reality of God and his intimate knowledge of individuals, and pointing to the validity of the Christian gospel.

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The New Testament gift of prophecy is Spirit-prompted, yet partially and fallibly reported revelation that must always be subordinate to apostolic, doctrinal authority — which for us today is the Bible.

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The Greek Word “Phonai” – Languages
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The Greek Word “Aphonos” – Without Meaning
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Languages that can convey meaning by their
systematic distinction of sounds...

"In Philippians 1:9-11 Paul asks that their 'love would abound with all knowledge and discernment' so that you-would preach and convince people well, heal the sick with authority, or speak in tongues with fluency? No, so that they 'may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ.'"

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1. Prophecy must come from a place of HUMILITY and it must be done in COMMUNITY!

2. Prophecy has the opportunity to attach RELEVANCE and APPLICATION to what was heard in Scripture.

“And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.’ For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Revelation 19:9,10