

# The Keavy Encourager

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW)-We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

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## **WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!**

- Visitors: Please fill out a visitor card and grab a Visitor Welcome Kit!
- Communion is available in the front of the building on the table.
- Our website is: [www.keavychurchofchrist.com](http://www.keavychurchofchrist.com), and our email address is [keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com](mailto:keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com) Please share this information with your family, friends, and social media pages!

## **May Prayer List**

Kurt And Joanne Martin, Sanders Family, Eddie Craft (Cancer), Jimmy Brooks (Tammy's cousin, cancer), Kathy Mingus (Cancer), Anne Baker (Cancer), Larry and Sandi Tabata, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, David and Ivy Mosley, Molly And Ebb Baker, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Roger and Sandra Frazier & Family, Carman Carroll, Bessie Young, Nathan & Patty McDaniel, Edward Young Sr., Ed Young, Mike Clayton (Liver Transplant), Corbin Pennington Junior (Chemotherapy), Larry & Rosetta Short (Sister Marlene's Brother & Sister In Law), John Reeder (Cancer), Harmony Mullins, Mike Gill (Cancer), Claude Humphrey (Cancer), Cheryl Moore (Kin To Sister Ellen), Felicity Lanham (Cancer), Diane Duke, Chris Holt (Friend Of Brother Mark), Piere Daigel (Cancer), Samantha Collins, Ruth Baker, Debbie Powell (Recuperating), Ellen Colwell Family (Lost Loved Ones), Jerry Napier, Shirley Farley, Fred Morris, Anabelle (Granddaughter of Donnie and Debbie

Powell), Bob Jones, Roger Frazier (Recuperating From Stroke), Tim Williams, Jackie Martin, James Smith And Family, Mary Ruth Browning Family (Lost Loved Ones), Matthew Bargo (Recuperating From Surgery), Tambra Hicks And Family, People In Ukraine, Brooke, Thomas Wayne Dockery, Debbie McDaniel (Good News On Social Security), Earnie Baker (Phyllis Brother In Law), Ronnie Griffin (Breathing Problems Paul's Brother In Law), Charlie (Marlene's Friend)



## **Bible Proof That The Gift Of Tongues Is Gibberish?**

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It is written:

*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.*

The Bible gift of tongues is the miraculous ability for a person to speak fluently in the language of another nation without having previously studied such (cf. Acts 2:4-13). The practice of gibberish speaking (so often practiced in Pentecostal and charismatic churches) is not the Bible gift of tongues, but rather was commonly practiced in the first century world by individuals under demonic influence. Nevertheless, some charismatics have attempted to defend gibberish speaking with the Bible text. Let's examine these alleged proof texts for gibberish speaking and see if they give any weight to the notion that this is somehow the Bible gift of tongues.

The first alleged example of gibberish speaking in the Bible is from the account of king Saul:

*1 Samuel 10:5-13-After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. 8 You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do." 9 So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the*

*prophets?" 12 Then a man from there answered and said, "But who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 And when he had finished prophesying, he went to the high place.*

Nothing in this passage suggests that Saul was practicing the pagan practice of gibberish speaking. The Bible in fact tells us that Prophets were to speak the Word of God to the people:

*1 Samuel 9:9- (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)*

*2 Kings 17:13-Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets."*

*Jeremiah 23:28-The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD.*

Again, some try to find gibberish speaking in this passage in 2 Kings:

*2 Kings 9:11-Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man and his babble."*

The enemies of Elisha call him a “madman” and one who has “babble.” Is this an example of enemies of God attacking a man of God, or of a man of God practicing gibberish speaking? Well, simply look at the next verse of the passage to see an example of Elisha’s “babble!”

*2 Kings 9:12-And they said, "A lie! Tell us now." So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel." ' "*

Elisha was not speaking unintelligible gibberish! He was declaring a prophecy of God that the enemies of God did not like and so insulted him by calling him a “madman.” They accused him of telling a lie, not of speaking gibberish. Do we not see another example of this same kind of attack in the Book of Acts? There,

the Apostles were preaching in tongues to the people and we are specifically told what the tongues were:

*Acts 2:4-12-And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"*

Here, we are specifically told that the “tongues” were the many different languages of these nations that the Apostles were now fluently speaking (see especially verses 6 and 11). Indeed, consider how the original languages especially brings out this truth:

"Tongue The Greek word here is the same as what is found in verse 6—*dialectos*, the common Greek word for “language.” So it definitely should be translated “language” here. In the Greek we have *glōssais*, “tongues,” in verses 4 and 11, and *dialectō*, “language,” in verses 6 and 8. This proves conclusively that the speaking in tongues (v. 4) was not ecstatic utterance but speaking in known, intelligent languages of that day (see v. 11)." (Ralph Earl, *Word Meanings In The New Testament*, 4107 (Kindle Edition); Kansas City, Kansas; Beacon Hill Press).

However, look at what the enemies of God here declared:

*Acts 2:13-Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."*

This is the same thing that happened previously: mockers trying to deny the work of God through blasphemy.

A final example we will consider of how people try to find (unsuccessfully) gibberish speaking in the Bible is from the Prophet Isaiah:

*Isaiah 28:10-11-For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people,*

Is Isaiah here discussing gibberish speaking? Not in the slightest! The Apostle Paul quotes this passage in 1 Corinthians and points out that it is talking about real literal languages of mankind.

*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.*

Commenting on the background of this passage, McGuiggan has noted:

"In these two verses he illustrates how the gift of tongues is to function. The law (as in, say, 14:34) is the Old Testament. The passage used is Isaiah 28:11. The setting is clear. The people won't hear the words of the prophet (who speaks to them in their own language) so God will speak to them in the language of the Assyrians (if you think Israel is in view) or Babylonians (if you think Judah). Had they listened to the prophets they wouldn't have needed foreign chastisement. But they wouldn't listen so they will go into captivity. And in captivity they will be reminded of their unbelief by the daily "babbling" going on all around them. It was unbelief that necessitated the lesson of the foreign tongue. As it was with the Old Testament illustration so it is with the present gift." (Jim McGuiggan, *1 Corinthians: Looking Into The Bible Series*, 3498-3508 (Kindle Edition); Lubbock, TX; Sunset institute Press)

The gibberish speaking of the Pentecostal world is not the Bible gift of tongues. That gift passed away as it was prophesied to (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). The gibberish speaking of the modern religious world is evidence indeed of the influence of a spirit-but not the Holy Spirit!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

### **Announcements**

- Regularly Scheduled Events; Sunday Bible Class All Ages (Every Sunday @ 10:00); Sunday Worship (Every Sunday @ 11:00 AM And 5:00 PM); Wednesday Evening Bible Class All Ages (Every Wednesday @ 5:00); Keavy

Ladies And Supportive Saints (K.L.A.S.S. Every First Sunday Of The Month After Evening Service); Keavy Support Group (Every Tuesday @ 6:00); Adult Night (Every Second And Fourth Friday @ 6:00); Youth Group Night (Every First Thursday @ 6:00); Homeless Ministry At Good Samaritan House In London (Every Wednesday From 7-9 and Sunday Evenings @ 7:00); Nursing Home Ministry (Every Third Thursday @ 6:00); Keavy Fellowship Meal (Every Last Sunday of The Month After Morning Service)

- We are excited to announce that Roger Frazier has expressed his desire to be recognized as a member of the Keavy church of Christ. We welcome him and ask everyone to continue to remember him and Sandra in your prayers!
- Needed Items For Homeless Backpacks:
  - Canned Foods (that may be eaten without heating);
  - Bottled Water;
  - Snack Cakes;
  - Personal Items (Deodorant, Body Spray, Sanitary Wipes, Feminine Products, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dry Shampoo, Portable Tents, etc);
  - Gift Ideas (gift cards for local restaurants);
  - Spiritual Material (Bibles, Gospel Minutes, Pamphlets, etc.)

### **Sunday Sermons**

A.M.: Final Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

P.M.: When Will Jesus Return? (Matthew 24:36-47)

### **Bible Class And Sermon Notes**