



**The Person & the Work of the**

# *Holy Spirit*

*17. Speaking in Tongues As the Spirit Gives Utterance*

*Hearing*  
**GOD**



1. Pursue love! However, keep on eagerly seeking the things of the Spirit; and especially seek to be able to prophesy.
2. For someone speaking in a tongue is not speaking to people but to God, because no one can understand, since he is uttering mysteries in the power of the Spirit.
3. But someone prophesying is speaking to people, edifying, encouraging and comforting them.

**1 Corinthians 14:1-3**



4. A person speaking in a tongue does edify himself, but a person prophesying edifies the congregation.
5. I wish you would all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you would all prophesy. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless someone gives an interpretation, so that the congregation can be edified.

**1 Corinthians 14:4-5**

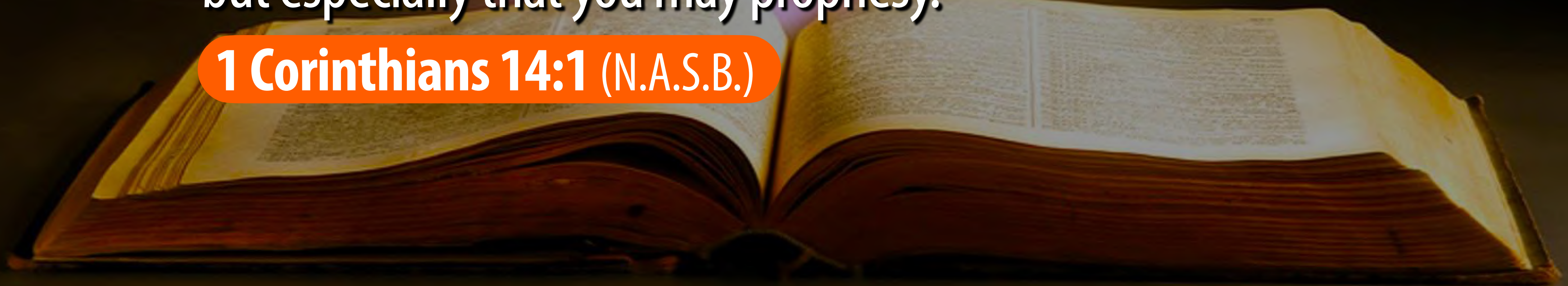
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Pursue love! However, keep on eagerly seeking **the things of the Spirit**; and especially seek to be able to prophesy.

**1 Corinthians 14:1** (Complete Jewish Bible)

Pursue love, yet desire earnestly **spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may prophesy.

**1 Corinthians 14:1** (N.A.S.B.)



17. And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your **sons and your daughters** SHALL prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
18. even on My **male servants and female servants** in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and **they** SHALL prophesy.

**Acts 2:17-18**

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# Πνευματικός

pneumatikos (pneuma = spirit)

- ▶ that which is spiritual & supernatural, as opposed to that which is carnal or fleshly
- ▶ that which belongs to, is characterised by, or proceeds from the Holy Spirit & which exhibit His character & ways
- ▶ supernatural, Spirit-imparted & energised abilities & capabilities
- ▶ a person who is filled with & governed by the Holy Spirit

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**1 Corinthians 14:5**

For you can all prophesy one by one . . .

**1 Corinthians 14:31**

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# Speaking in Tongues

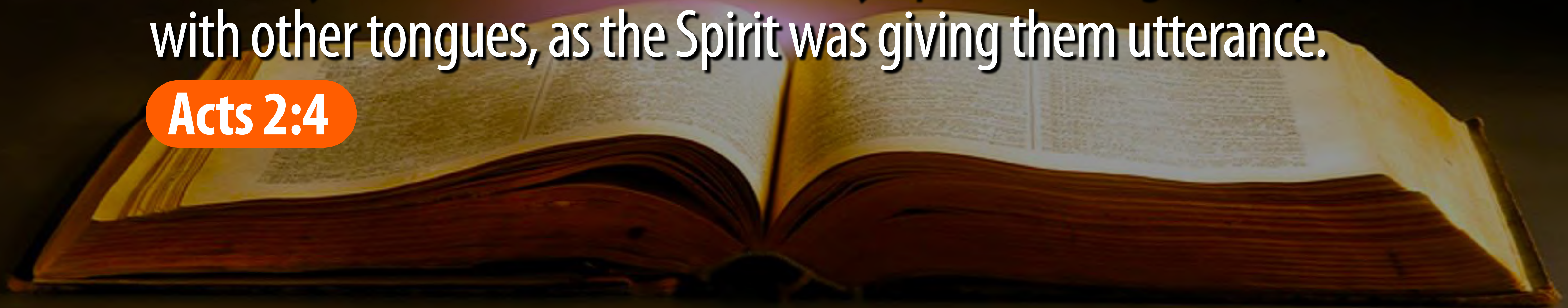
- ▶ the ability to speak in tongues
- ▶ a tongues message in a congregational setting

For someone speaking in a tongue **is not speaking to people but to God**, because no one can understand, since he is uttering mysteries in the power of the Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 14:2**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

**Acts 2:4**



7. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
8. And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?
9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

**Acts 2:7-11**

## **glossolalia**

**glossa:** languages

**lalia:** to speak or talk

Speaking in tongues therefore is speaking in languages, not an unintelligible gibberish. They are languages that have never been learnt and which are not rationally understood by those that speak in tongues.

**diermēneuō:** interpret

It is only ever used to speak of translating something from one LANGUAGE to another LANGUAGE.

8. And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?

11. . . . we hear them speaking of the mighty deeds of God.

**Acts 2:8 & 11**



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3. But someone prophesying is speaking to people, edifying, encouraging and comforting them.
4. **A person speaking in a tongue does edify himself**, but a person prophesying edifies the congregation.
5. I wish you would all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you would all prophesy. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless someone gives an interpretation, **so that the congregation can be edified.**

**1 Corinthians 14:2-5**

14. For if I pray in a tongue, **my spirit prays**, but my mind is unfruitful.
15. What is the outcome then? **I will** pray with the spirit and **I will** pray with the mind also; **I will** sing with the spirit and I will **sing** with the mind also.

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15**



# SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## Private tongues

- ▶ a message **TO** God where a person is communicating **WITH** God, spirit to Spirit
- ▶ personal edification, prayer, praise & worship
- ▶ exercised by an individual's choice at any time

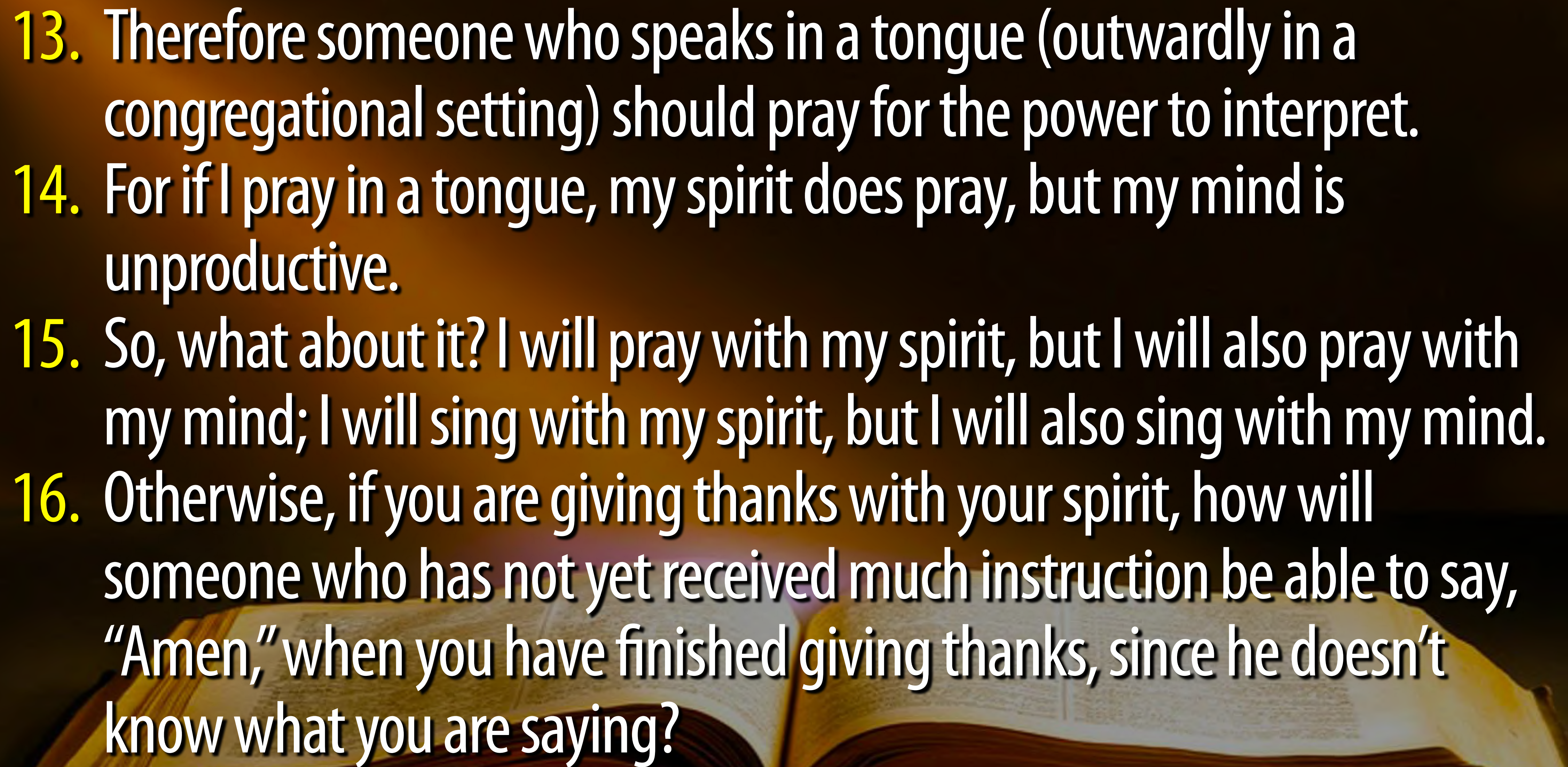
## Tongues message

- ▶ a message **FROM** God, in an unknown language, given in a congregational setting, which requires interpretation
- ▶ congregational edification & instruction
- ▶ exercised under the leading of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ when interpreted, a tongues message is like a prophetic word, bringing corporate edification, exhortation & comfort

10. There are undoubtedly all kinds of sounds (languages) in the world, and none is altogether meaningless;
11. but if I don't know what a person's sounds mean, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker will be a foreigner to me.
12. Likewise with you: since you eagerly seek **the things of the Spirit**, seek especially what will help in edifying the congregation.

**1 Corinthians 14:10-12**



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13. Therefore someone who speaks in a tongue (outwardly in a congregational setting) should pray for the power to interpret.
  14. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit does pray, but my mind is unproductive.
  15. So, what about it? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.
  16. Otherwise, if you are giving thanks with your spirit, how will someone who has not yet received much instruction be able to say, "Amen," when you have finished giving thanks, since he doesn't know what you are saying?

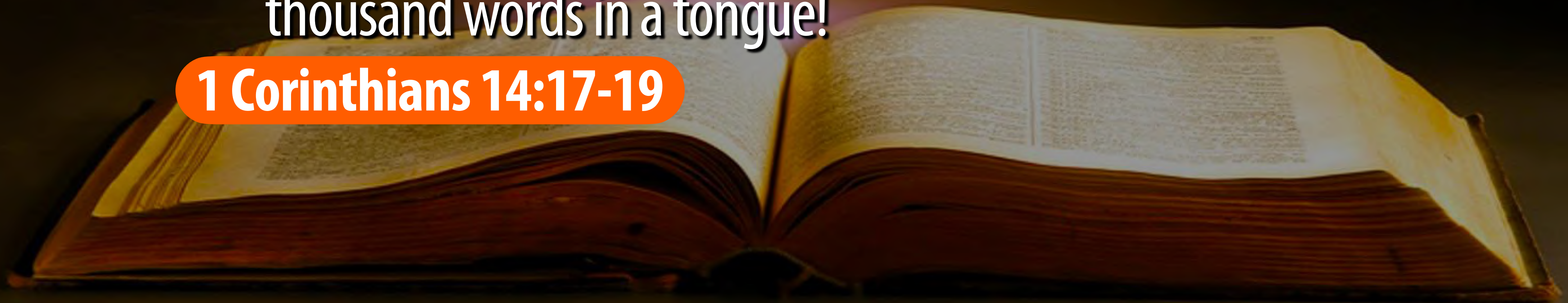
**1 Corinthians 14:13-16**

17. For undoubtedly you are giving thanks very nicely, but **the other person is not being edified.**

18. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you,

19. but **in a congregation meeting** I would rather say five words with my mind in order to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue!

**1 Corinthians 14:17-19**



- 26.** What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue (message), has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret;
- 27.** but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

**1 Corinthians 14:26-27**



39. Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and **do not forbid to speak in tongues.**
40. But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

**1 Corinthians 14:39-40**



Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians, for **they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these teachings were true.**

**Acts 17:11**



I ask Lord that You would baptise me today in the Holy Spirit.

I ask Lord that You would fill me afresh with joy & with the Holy Spirit.

I ask Lord that You release in me the ability to speak in tongues, that the Holy Spirit would give me utterance, as on the day of Pentecost.

I ask Lord that you would forgive me for wrong attitudes & convictions regarding speaking in tongues.

**... in the name of Jesus & for His glory**

