

Praying in the Spirit



Day 29: Praying in the Spirit

So what does the Bible mean when it speaks about various things being done ‘in the spirit’? In some cases, doing something ‘in the spirit’ would mean being guided by the spirit to go to a certain place at a certain time:

Luke 2:27

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

In some cases, it would mean the Spirit taking over during worship, making it deeper and closer to God.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

In some cases it means to guide a person in their speech or writing:

2 Samuel 23:2

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

Isaiah 59:21

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the

mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Matthew 10:20

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Acts 11:28

And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

And finally there is prayer in the Spirit, where the Spirit of God intercedes in our prayers.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

1 Corinthians 12:10

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues

1 Corinthians 14:2

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.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Acts 2:4

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

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1 Corinthians 14:39

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

Day 29 Prayer

Father, please help me gird up my loins with the truth. Send the Spirit of truth so that my speech is truth, just as you are truth.

Lord, please help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Please forgive my sins and help me to overcome any sin separating me from You. Let me be a temple where your Spirit can flow freely.

Father, please help me get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. When I speak to others about Your great love and Your mercy, please let Your Spirit take over and speak for me, with power and to Your great glory.

Lord, help me to take up the shield of faith. I must trust in You to let Your Spirit move in me, and be sensitive to His leading in what to say and where to go. To be led by the Spirit is to not always understand why, but to trust and obey.

Father, please help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Salvation was bought by such an incredibly high price: the blood of the Son of God Himself, that I cannot ever repay this great gift. I can only thank You and worship You and praise Your Great Name.

Lord, help me take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Please send Your Spirit to guide me in all wisdom and understanding of Your word. Reveal to me what you would have me to know. Let me put your word into action.