

The Eternal Spirit the Gifts That Ceased

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The gifts of the Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and healing, were present in the early church but have since ceased.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker focuses on 2 Timothy chapter 4 and verse 11. The speaker mentions that Paul had many companions during his missionary journeys, including Silas, Timothyus, and Luke. These companions helped Paul in various ways, such as writing letters on his behalf. The speaker also references a story from Acts where Paul is bitten by a venomous snake but remains unharmed. The speaker concludes by mentioning Peter's role as a teacher and pastor, as well as his gift of discerning spirits. The sermon ends with a brief mention of starting a new topic on the analysis of man in the following week.

Transcript

Well, we're going back to finish the job that we were at last week, if you got your notes with you. For those of you who dropped in tonight, you see, we didn't finish the notes last week, and you must have the notes with you somewhere. You see, for about 23 weeks past, we've been looking at the doctrine of the Eternal Spirit.

And for the past three weeks, we have been looking at the gifts that were given, the gifts of the Spirit. And we found out that when our Lord Jesus Christ went to heaven, that he gave gifts through the Spirit unto men, and he gave some apostles, some prophets, and some evangelists, some pastors, and some teachers. And we looked at the signs of an apostle last week, because there were five mighty signs, and Paul calls them the signs of an apostle.

And we believe that the apostles and prophets were in the foundation because the church is built upon, let's get the word upon, the foundation of the apostles and prophets. I don't believe there are any apostles nor prophets today. They're in the foundation, and they were very valuable, and they did a mighty job.

I don't think that anybody would dare to stand up now and say he was a New Testament prophet and give the church a new line of truth. Because that would mean he would be adding to this book. And all that God wants to say to the church of Jesus Christ, it's found in these pages, and in the very last page, and almost at the last dot, it says, let no man add.

And that cuts that up. And we're left with these evangelists, bless God we have some good ones, and we have pastors, and we have teachers. And when God sent the gifts in the church, it says he sent first apostles, secondarily prophets, and thirdly teachers.

So the teachers come into the top bracket just in these last days. And we were looking at some of the gifts that came, and have most surely gone. And we were looking at the gift of the discerning of spirits.

And we found out that Peter, the great apostle Peter, had this gift. He had many other gifts, you know. After all, he was a great evangelist, for he preached the gospel on the day of Pentecost, and three thousand souls were saved, and that will do for his merits for evangelism.

And he wrote two great letters in our New Testament, and in that second letter where he talks about the day of the Lord shall come, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and he describes the last moments. You know, men looked at this for hundreds of years and couldn't understand that, how could it be, how could the elements, and the word elements there meaning the stars, the stars were melting, and they couldn't understand the stars melting with fervent heat. Well, the kids at school now know that the stars can melt with fervent heat, but no bother about that.

Listen to Patrick Brewer, and he'll tell you a lot more about it. Yes, so Peter was a great teacher. He was an evangelist, he was a teacher.

And you remember when the Lord put his arms around him down at the Sea of Galilee and said, feed my lambs, feed my sheep, he must have been a great pastor. And although he was an apostle, and prophet, and evangelist, pastor, and teacher, he had this great gift of discerning of spirits. He could look through you.

They blame me for this around here. Some of them say in our assembly, when he looks at you, you can see everything that's going on inside. It is not true, just the shape of my face.

Oh no, it is not true, I don't know. You see, when Ananias came and stood before Peter and said, we sold the piece of ground, and they had already hidden the part, kept it back and hid it somewhere, and said, look, that's what we got for them, Peter immediately knew. He said, Ananias, why has Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? You're telling lies.

I couldn't do that. If you came and said, look, there's some money I had saved up, and I want to give it to the Lord, and he had already hidden part of it, I wouldn't know. But when I know about it, wouldn't know.

And when Simon the Social made a profession of faith, and it was only a profession, and he was baptized by immersion, which show you that professors can be baptized and all, when Peter came down and had a look at him, Peter says, I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, thy heart is not right with God. I couldn't do it. You came in through the door tonight, and you say, look, I was saved last week.

I have to put my arms around you and squeeze you and say, bless God. I wouldn't know. And you might only be an empty professor, you know, but I wouldn't know.

I've got to take your word for it. But you see, there were some great gifts in the early church, they did come. But they have gone.

You know, anybody has this gift that Peter had? Because I've never met. It was him. And of course Paul had a very special gift, you know.

We know that Paul had this gift of the laying on of hands, let me do this for you properly now, and we'll start properly now. We're in the Acts of the Apostles, and we're at chapter 28, please. The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 28.

Paul and his friends have just been through a severe storm at sea, and the ship was broken to pieces, but they all escaped safe to land. That's how chapter 27 ends, and so it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land. Chapter 28 opens like this, and when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

It's Malta. There yet, you know, there's gone through a storm unto itself. Old General Dobby was there during the war, kept the flag flying in spite of the Germans.

And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness, for they kindled a fire and received us every one because of the present rain and because of the cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, jumped to conclusions of course, no doubt this man is a murderer who, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

He should have died by this poisonous beast. And he, Paul, shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm. Or be it they looked when he should have swollen, his arm should have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly.

But after they had looked a great while and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a God. Because the crowd, you know, is not long changing from murderer to God. One day, you know, they'll curse you, and the next day they'll bless you.

So don't get too excited about the crowd. In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island whose name was Publius, who received us and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux, to whom Paul entered in and prayed and laid his hands on him and healed him.

That's a gift he had. Want you to get that now? That was in the early church. Verse nine, so when this was done others also which had diseases in the island came and were healed.

Paul just put his hands on them, you know. They want to switch from Peter to Paul now, because we've already seen, haven't we, that Paul had great gifts. He was an apostle and he talks about the signs of an apostle were seen in me.

And you remember that he had what we call the gifts of healing. There's a mess out the word gifts. Let's go back to Acts chapter 14 just for the sake of fruits, that maybe we're not here then.

Acts chapter 14. That's it. And there's such a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had that.

No doubts about this. You see, may Paul speak who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed. Now that's one of the gifts that Paul had.

You see, he could see the faith that this man had. I'm afraid I can't do that. They can't see your faith at all.

I can see it by your works at times. They'll have to see your works to see your faith. I can't see your faith without your work, but Paul could.

Paul can see this cripple, and he can perceive way down deep in this fellow's heart that he had faith to be healed. And that's a mighty thing, isn't it? It says, verse 9, the same here, Paul speak who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, stand upright on my feet. And he leaped and walked.

You see, he had that gift. He had the gifts. Because when you say the gifts of healing, you mean two things.

First of all, the person with the gifts of healing can see the faith, and then he has power to do the thing. Now, I have neither, nor do I know anybody who has. You see, some of the fellows that pretend to have the gifts of healing, they go in and talk and pray and hallelujah a bit, and then you know the person's as bad as ever, and some of them die.

And then when you say what happened, it says, oh, he had no faith. Then I say, well, you should have seen he had no faith. It's only like that a wee bit, you know.

There's no way out of this. If you have this gift, you can see the faith. But Paul had not only the gift of seeing the faith and the gift of speaking in power.

He had the gift of laying on of hands, which is a different gift. He laid his hands on this man and healed him. Now, have he all that? Of course he has.

Now, there's something happening, because let's go to the Philippines, then we're at chapter two. Paul's letter to the Philippines, and we're at chapter two. And writing to this church, this is what Paul says.

Verse 25, we're at Philippines 225. Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus. Epaphroditus, this was a fellow that traveled with Paul, a fellow laborer.

My brother, he calls him my brother, and companion in labor. Isn't that a lovely word? The late Huard was my companion in labor. We worked together all our lives.

They called us David and Jonathan and David. And folks used to say, which one of you is Jonathan, which one of you is David? And I used to say, if you heard Huard singing, you'd know he wasn't David. He was the worst singer in the world, so he couldn't have been anything to David at all.

He must have been Jonathan. But look at this, look at the record that's here. I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labor, armed fellow soldier.

But your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants, for he longed after you all and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick, nigh unto death. He was dying, this fellow.

But God had mercy on him. Now that's the only way he was healed. God had mercy on him.

And not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. If this man had died, it would have brought great sorrow upon sorrow. Why not touch him? Why not lay your hands on him, Paul? Why not speak the word and raise him up? I'll tell you, it's gone.

The gift is gone. All right, you come around and explain it to me. He's dying, isn't he? Isn't he his power? Wouldn't his heart break? Wouldn't he have sorrow? What's wrong? He's not touching him.

The gift is gone. Oh yes, it has. Let's do it a wee bit tighter than that.

Let's go to 2nd Timothy again and up the fourth chapter. 2nd Timothy, chapter 4, it's a great chapter. It's one that we should take more time with, but we can't give it much time this evening.

And writing to Timothy here in this fourth chapter, in 2nd Timothy, chapter 4, verse 11, he makes this statement, only Luke is with me. You know, when Paul traveled on his missionary journeys, he had a whole lot of companions. Paul and Silas and Timotheus and Luke and a whole lot more of them.

They were always around him. They all helped him. He couldn't see well, and when letters had to be written, he needed somebody to sit down while he dictated them.

In fact, all these letters in the New Testament, you'll find the boys who wrote them at the end if you have a good Bible. Paul only did the dictation, and of course the Spirit dictated to him. It was inspired writing.

But at this particular point, only Luke is with me. He goes on to tell about some of whom. Verse 12, Tixicus have I sent to Ephesus.

Then down the chapter he said this, Verse 16, At my first answer no man stood with me. Even Luke didn't come along. When it says, At my first answer, it means this.

When he was brought to the high court and he had to face Nero, the Roman governor who was about to take his head off, and did take his head off, as he stood up in the witness box to give witness, look round the court to see if there was a friend there. Have you ever been to court? I've been before the high judge. You always look round.

Summons me once to go to a divorce case which I would take nothing to do with, and the only man that I could see was Dr. Crawford, my old friend, sitting there with a checkbook in his hand. He says, If they find you in a thousand pounds, I'll pay it. I said, You'll not, you know.

I'll go to the Kremlin and put a day or two in there rightly so I could. But you see, they had to let me go. He says, At my first answer no man stood with me.

All men forsook me. I pray God that it may not be led to the charge, notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear, and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. He was delivered at that time.

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom, to whom be glory forever and ever. Salute Priscilla and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus abode at Corinth, but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Why now? Why leave a fellow that you love and you need at Miletum sick when you can do the job? I had to come round to have a go with me, because I would fix you. I hear a lot of blathers, don't I? I'm telling you Paul left them at Miletum sick. He didn't put his hand on them.

He didn't talk about seeing his faith. He didn't shout, get up and walk. Now the gift is gone.

It was there in the early days, all right. It's gone. There's a whole lot of gifts that came in the early days, and they're gone.

You couldn't get it into some of the heads around us. See they talked to me about this gift of speaking in tongues. Let's have a go at that now for a moment or two.

We're at the Acts of the Apostles, and we're at chapter 2 please. The Acts of the Apostles, and we're at the second chapter. First one, and when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, and when you say they, who are we talking about? We're talking about all the followers of the Lord that were in Jerusalem at that time, and I think 120 are mentioned.

They were all with one accord in one place. They were in one big upper room. Verse 2, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as also rushing mighty wind.

Mind you, I've pointed out before it wasn't a rushing mighty wind. The writing is very careful. As of, was a sound as of.

Yes, Luke is writing this, the beloved physician, and this sound came from heaven, and the only way he can describe it is like this. As of, a rushing mighty wind, but it wasn't a rushing mighty wind. That's the only way he can describe it.

It says, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And for the sake of some of you here, let me underline the word sitting, because they were not rolling on the floor. Tell me you have to roll on the floor to get the Holy Ghost now.

I assure you they were not rolling on the floor. I assure you they were sitting, and they were neither getting into one way or another, they were just sitting. That's all sitting.

Where they were all sitting. That's what. And there appeared, verse 3, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like ours of fire, and it is not fire.

I hear them talking about send the fire. Well it was not fire. It was something like ours of fire.

Ours of fire. And it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

There's no question about it. It wasn't the fellow that got through, or the wee lass that played best, or cried most. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

Do you get that? From the least to the greatest. They were all filled. Aren't you to get that? And began to speak with other tongues.

All of them. Yes. And the word tongues is the word language.

They began to speak other languages. Aren't you to get that? Of course they only speak other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance. I will prove this very solidly.

Verse 5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews. I want you to get the word Jews into your mind, because that's what the Holy Ghost wants when he starts to talk like this. Devout men.

Sort of men trying to get right with God. Out of every nation let's get that bit out of every nation under heaven. Jews, men looking to be right with God, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noise abroad, the multitude, that's the multitude of Jews, came together and were confounded. Because that every man in the multitude heard them, this crowd that was waiting, heard them speak in his own language. Let me get that now before we lose it.

Without an interpreter. You get that? Is this Pentecost? This is what we're doing now. See all these Jews? I'll count the nations for you in a moment.

There were 16 different nations all gathered around here. And these poor folks from Galilee and so on, followers of Christ, could speak to these people in their own language. They're from every nation under heaven.

Their own language. Do you know anybody can do it? Because I defy you to find them. That's all.

It's baloney you listen to half time. And you're tripped up by baloney too. A fella came down to correct me once.

He said, you know, it's a great pity you couldn't speak in tongues. I'm bothering off with a one and a half. I says, can you do it? He says, yes, I can.

The same as on the day of Pentecost? Yes, very same. I said, well, let's read this now. So we read across here.

They heard every man, that every man heard them speak in his own language. He says, can you speak all these languages? He says, of course I can. Just right off the bat, yes.

He says, that's wonderful, you know. Because I didn't believe that there was anybody who could do it. But you see, I go to the university every week and I have a lot of friends in the university.

And I know a wee Pakistan fella. And I know a fella from Spain. And I know a fella from Germany.

And I know a fella from France. And I'll get a whole lot of these nationalities into our room next week. Will you come and talk to them? I will listen.

Thank you, I'm a boy. And I'll make you, I'll make you a bargain. That if you do it, I will leave the Baptists.

And I will confess I've been wrong. And I will join you, no matter where you are. That was fair enough, wasn't it? The bell rang the next morning at nine o'clock.

He's at the door. He says, you know right well I can't do it. I says I did, but I wasn't going to argue with you when you said you could.

So you're telling lies to cover it up, are you? That's not fair, you know. Do you know anybody who can? Now I will tell you this. Right now, there's a man in the meeting.

And he was talking to a gentleman who's up in the charismatic movement, who pretends to do this thing. And when this man in the meeting took him over this same ground, and he learned it on my feet, and he's all right to use it. The fellow said to him, but I can't do what they did on the day of Pentecost, it's gone.

Thank God they're coming round to say it's gone. They're coming round when they're trapped. What he can do is ala mala fala falala and amuse himself in the back room.

I can do that at any time. And if I did it too much here, I'd get put out. That's baloney, that's what it is.

Let's read on here now, in case you're not getting the word of God right. You're not afraid of it, you are. It's God's book, isn't it? Verse six over again.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude, that's the multitude of Jews, remember, came together and were confounded. No wonder, because that every man among this multitude of Jews heard these ordinary folks speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, marveled, saying one to another, behold are not all these which speak Galileans? This crowd that was talking were Galileans, who scarcely went to school, but they can talk in these languages.

Here's the verse, hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born. These were Jews from different parts of the world who had come to Jerusalem at the Feast of Pentecost. Of course Jerusalem was bursting at the seams at the Feast of Pentecost, but Jews that are born all over the world go back there, and they go back still.

You go back at Easter at any time and you'll find it crowded out. But you know they had they had the language of the country within they were born, but they came back in. But here are Galileans standing up and they're speaking to them in their own tongue, in the language, in our own tongue wherein we were born.

And then it tells you where they came from. Watch it, Parthians and Medes and Elahim, miserable looking Galileans were able to stand up and speak in 16 different languages. Languages they had never learned.

There is no mention at any time of an interpreter. We do hear them speak. The wonderful works of God.

They aren't fooling around you know. Preaching the gospel to these people in their own language. You know anybody who can do it? As I would love to see.

I'm prepared to pay the cost to go anywhere. It is not done. It is tripe you're listening to.

It's gone. Oh it was here all right. It's like Paul laying on the hands.

It's like Peter with this gift of seeing through you. It's gone. It's gone.

Of course you'll see they come to argue with me about 1st Corinthians 14. Fair enough. Oh that's right off my street you know.

1st Corinthians 14. Let's have a look at that now. And Paul is writing to this church at Corinth.

Let us begin at verse 23 just for a moment. 1st Corinthians 14.23. Watch Paul talking. If therefore the whole church become together into one place.

I want you to get that. As we're going back to the early days because the gift was here in the early days. And the whole church when we talk about the word whole is put in there by the Holy Ghost.

The whole church. Every saved man and woman and boy and girl in Corinth. They're all being gathered into one place.

Mighty place. Oh let me tell you that when they gathered into one place they had no new testament. It wasn't written then.

Paul wasn't saved you know till a good while after Pentecost. And even though he wrote letters all around the world they had to be gathered together. It was a long time before the new testament was produced.

So the whole church gathers together in one place. And they had no organ. No nice lady to play it with no shoes on or anything like that.

Eh. On the bare feet now so she is. Doing well.

Doing well. Bless her. She's a great loss.

And we love her. This. No organ.

No hymn book. Here they are gathering together. Now watch this verse if I might.

If therefore the whole church become together into one place. And all speak with tongues. The whole lot of them get up and babble.

And there come in those that are unlearned or unbelievers. Now don't rush it. The Holy Ghost not using two words here for one person.

Who are the unlearned? Well the unlearned were the Gentiles. Not saved but Gentiles make him in. You see the Jews always called the Gentiles the unlearned.

They didn't know anything. They had neither types nor shadows nor prophets nor prophecies. They were the unlearned.

Now if they come in unlearned or unbelievers. Who are the unbelievers not? Were the Gentiles not unbelievers? Yes in a certain sense. When we talk about the unlearned or unbelievers we're talking about unbelieving Jews now.

Because the unlearned Gentiles would come in and sit over here. And the unbelieving Jews who didn't believe about Jesus and didn't believe this was right would come in sometimes to scrutinize us. And you see when the whole church become together into one place and all speak with tongues.

The whole crowd of them stand up and there come in those that are unlearned Gentiles or unbelieving Jews. Will they not say that you are mad? That's a mighty phrase isn't it? Because it would really be madness wouldn't it? And no the gift wasn't even to work like that. You see let's let's go back a little bit.

Let's go back to verse 21 because this is how you teach just taking it bit by bit and doing it proper. Verse 20 when he says brethren he's talking to save people at curse. Brethren be not children in understanding.

He doesn't want God's children to be without understanding. How be it in malice be ye children but in understanding be men. In the law it is written.

In what law? When he talks about in the law it is written he's talking about the law of Moses. Because he can only look back to the law of Moses it is way back there it is written. Written in the law of Moses with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people.

When it is written with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people. What people is he talking about? He's talking about the Jews because the law was written to them. It is written back there you know I'll speak to this people here with men of other tongues.

In the law it is written with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people and yet for all that they will not bear hear me saith the law. They won't even listen these Jews. Wherefore tongues are for a sign.

It's one of the sign gifts that's what we were at last week weren't we? One of the sign gifts right at the beginning. Only a sign gift that's all. Now I want you to get this wherefore tongues are for a sign not to them that believe.

Is that right? Was this gift it wasn't for believers at all. This gift was not for them that belief. It's for them that believe not.

See how it goes. Wherefore just because of what is said in the Old Testament. Wherefore tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not.

And once when I preached at Derby the local doctor there was in the charismatic movement up to the years came along to hear the meetings. We had crowded out meetings in the little Methodist church taken over by a body who meant business for God. And he came along to me and he said you don't agree with me.

That's right. That's right doctor I don't agree with you. Sure you're saved and all that.

You're a nice fellow. I don't agree with you. He said you come round and pray tonight after the meeting and we'll meet our whole company and we'll have it all our time.

Right? That's good. I'm always in on game and that you know. Like to take me on on that eh? So he went along to this big room.

You should see it all bigger than this one here. Thousands of people. And he said we want to discuss tongues with you tonight.

I said well the way you do it doctor put a little table in the middle there and put your Bible on one side of it and I'll put my Bible in the other and we'll see what this book says. So he got the table got the Bibles he done. And the first thing I said to him doctor do you agree with this? Well for tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not.

Do you believe him? He's a little bit of delegarian you know. He don't know where I'm going it's like playing chess. He's taking his time about it but he's got to give time.

I said read it to you again doctor. Well for tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not. He says yes yes I do believe.

How many folk have you at your meeting on Sunday morning? About 65 or do I say yes. Do they speak in tongues? Oh that's tongues all right isn't it. It's just a mistake some poor creature is making.

He must have gotten it at Christmas or something. All right bless you. Oh yes.

Well I said doctor and many on saved are here and none are all saved. Speak in tongues. Did you tell me you believed that? Wherefore tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not.

You think the Holy Ghost inspired that their doctor and then breaks it on Sunday morning when you come along. He's breaking his own word. And I began to edge him to the doctor you know bit by bit until he lost his temper.

Get up and going to wreck me you know. And I said you know you just don't know what you're taking on doctor as I can put you out of the window in two seconds. And so I could you know.

I was brought up in a place where I was able to look after myself. And the doctor would be just play thing for me. He wouldn't have existed very long.

Or two or three of your young men along with you. And they had to sit down and listen. It's true.

I tell you. It's true. That's what it is.

They break God's word and then tell you that they're full of the Holy Ghost. How can that be? That can't have been. And when the church goes women are to be silent in the church.

Oh but it's the woman that do all the talking when no one does. Yeah. I'm going to get into a taxi in a minute.

Where are you boy? Is he asleep back there? Yeah I want you to get the hold of this. You see here's what was happening. This was the period right at the beginning.

And the guest was there. And Jews came in. All saved Jews.

And they could speak languages. And a man could get up and speak to them in their own language. And they knew what he was saying.

It was a language. But while they were talking. While this fellow with the guest was talking to them.

The church at current and they all learned Gentiles didn't know what was going on. So God had to give another gift here. An interpreter to tell the church and they all learned Gentile what this fellow was saying to the Jews.

That's what was happening. But there was no interpreter needed for these fellows over here. They could understand this quite well.

That's the gift. You see Paul distinctly said. Where there be tongues they shall cease.

Now don't they fit around with the word cease? He tried to tell me they'll cease when you go to heaven. Look friends God wouldn't need to tell me that. I know a whole lot of things that will cease when they go to heaven.

That is not what God said. God said the prophets will go. And the tongues will go.

And knowledge will go. A whole lot of gifts that God gave to the church to help her at the beginning will go. You see we don't need the prophets.

And we don't need a whole lot of things. When Paul said that which is perfect is come. And the fellow said to me once.

Oh but he's talking about the Lord's coming. Oh not on your life he's not. Paul never called Jesus Christ that in his life.

You don't use that word for Jesus Christ. How dare you say well that. Oh no.

You use it for that. That's perfect now. God has no more to say.

Everything that God wants to say to you it's within those covers. That's perfect. Doesn't need to be added to.

And when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done in a way. Oh it's done. You know you take the letter epistles.

You take Ephesians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews. Tones is not once mentioned. If it's so important.

Why? It had gone. He didn't need to write about it. This gift was finished.

This gift was letting the Judaizers at the beginning see that God was in these men. Why this is a little church sailing out from Pentecost. The mighty Jewish nation was against them.

Oh but they had to sit up and take knowledge. There's something about God in these men. But it was a gift for a time.

You see friends let's look up the great epistle of James or the three epistles of John. I'm not the Holy Gospel. Why not once this thing named? Why? Supposing I start to argue with you from a logical standpoint and I don't like to do it.

And I don't believe in basing the argument on logic. Let me say this. Let's go back to Luther, the great reformer.

Or let's go back to Calvin who helped them. Or let's come down the years and look at John Wesley. Then I assure you this night and I'm a Baptist that if the Methodist had another dozen like John Wesley I would praise the Lord.

Don't forget that. And don't forget he did a mighty work for God. But when you think of Luther and Calvin and Wesley.

Let's go to Bishop Ryle. My that church never had one like him. A man who was godly and holy.

Think of Bishop Taylor Smith who was taken to Whitehall in 1914 to look after all the Padres that were going to the war. And when he came in there was a great big white sheet of paper on the table saying what they wanted the Padres to do. A hundred questions.

He got to examine them and send them to the war. He just took them and threw them up and threw them down. He said send them in to me.

And when the first Padre came in he said listen son they're on the battlefield there's a fellow wounded his blood is running into the soil. Tell me now what you would say to him. And if he didn't talk about Jesus Christ the Savior to the man.

He said away home and help your mother with the farm. Slapped the heart of them. Let me say this Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Bishop Ryle, Bishop Taylor Smith, Theod Spurgeon, Dr. Ironside, Dr. Schaeffer, Billy Graham, coming down to this day.

Not one of them ever spoke in tongues. What's wrong with them? The best men the world has seen I tell you. Don't tell me the Holy Ghost was so far away from them.

I'll tell you. See they're charismatic. We have priests in this.

With cigarettes between the fingers and nicotine on those too. And a fellow standing up before these young people that he's leading astray says the only thing that defeats me in this life is that old thing there. But I enjoy the tongues it's baloney.

He enjoys blabbers and he enjoys leading young folk astray. It is not true. And you tell me that a man who lifts a whiffer on Sunday morning and says he creates Christ and puts him on the block and sacrifices him over again.

Don't you tell me he's filled with the Holy Ghost. He's a blatant rebel sinner on his way to hell. There your great Archbishop comes out.

You know who he is now don't you? He's one of the rebels too. Don't start me over again. I'll tell you this friends.

Half of this is nonsense. You see we don't take the time to remember that Moses in his day worked miracles in Egypt. But they went away when he was finished.

Nobody did them over again. They passed. And you know Elijah stopped the heavens of prayer.

And Elijah raised the withered sun. And I'll tell you these Old Testament prophets with their might and miracles they went and they're gone. They're finished.

God had them for a time. And God had mighty gifts at the beginning of this dispensation for a time. And we're on the last days now.

I'll tell you this. We're very much on the last days. And I'll tell you who's left.

There's the teacher and the evangelist and the pastor. And I claim to be a teacher and an evangelist. We have a lot of men in the meeting who do a lot of pastoring.

Friend make sure you read the book right. That's all. You read the book right you'll be right.

See you next week. Now we're starting a new thing next week. We are on the Bible analysis of man.

I'm going to look at man just to see what he's like. And with our blessing take us to our homes and safety through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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