## WHAT IS THE SIGN

## OF A TRUE PROPHET, PROPHECY AND

## THE SPEAKING IN TONGUES?

Isa. 58 spells it out for us in no uncertain terms.

The sign of a true prophet is that he or she will bring, through the power of God's Spirit, SIN to light. God always reacts to sin and especially where His Name is preached. God is Holy and He knows the trap of sin for man – besides, man lost his divine status in the Garden of Eden because of sin, bringing a curse also on the whole of creation.

<u>So this is still the sign of true prophecy</u>. God will uncover sin in no uncertain terms. Can God still use people this way? I want to be to the point. <u>God wants to</u> but very few who are glibly "giving out a word of God" are <u>prepared to do it God's way</u>. They want to sooth-say. They want to please man often more than pleasing God and the result is twisting the message IF they at all ever get a true word from God!

I am fully aware of the <u>consequences of the revelation of sin</u>, however, we can do so in a gentle but firm way, as long as we bring what God desires of His instruments. And those who are part of a Christian group, can and should indeed be aware <u>of their own tresspasses</u>, past and present, not pointing fingers then in any way. Besides, if we come to Christ, we surely come to Him on His terms and conditions – to repent and to be reborn first and foremost and <u>distancing ourselves</u> then from sin and sinful practices (which the Word of God condemns).

Surely a club member should know the rules when desiring to join the club, not so? Biding then by the rules is essential or else we may <u>loose our membership</u>. "As the natural likewise the spiritual" (Paul to the Corinthians). The very same then counts for Christians. We are to do everything in our ability to conform to God's instructions <u>supplied in His Word - adhering to God's "Club" (the Church).</u>

Fact is a New Age spirit has settled on the body of Jesus and therefore people come in their droves to the Church services but they don't fear the Lord God Most High as they should. They overplay "mercy" and "grace" without ever properly thinking that God is not an accomplice of sin. Sin is so rife that even some of those who align themselves with occult practices are sometimes in leadership positions. However, God is quick to protect those who are IN Him and who are faced with this type of millenial scourge and in His appropriate time He will surely address it thoroughly. There is nothing (!) that can ever diminish God's will! If He decides to act, nobody will ever be able to stop Him from doing so. He is just ALMIGHTY and Jesus is Light!

God wants the Holy Spirit to return to the assemblies where the Name of Jesus is no new message. In 1999 the Lord gave an instruction through His Spirit (a vision God at the time had given to be brought): BRING BACK THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE ASSEMBLIES AND PERMIT THE REVELATION OF SIN WITHIN THE ASSEMBLIES (there where the Word is preached and the Gifts are often (so often) "applied" and often times in a New Age way for what has been left and which is so often encountered, is the "good" message, namely to bless and to soothsay. This is not God's will! God does not join His Spirit to falsehood, to Satanic practices, to false prophecy.

So the standard of true prophetic word is that God will also address sin and the fact of the matter is, the crux, that those who are <u>bloodwashed</u> (truly) will accept God's reprimands whilst those who are not into Christ will hate this type of prophetic word.

I can remember some time ago when I went into a church <u>on God's instruction</u> giving the aforesaid message to them singlehandedly (on my own as this is what God also will do if He has anointed you - you will just have to rise and say what God has shown you (and which can be a difficult task on the whole) – declaring then boldly what God demands of a truly anointed vessel. <u>And ten to one you will be rejected as carnality has generally taken over in the Body of Jesus</u>. I also, amongst others, that morning spoke in a clear, audible tongue (articulated tongue <u>loud</u> and clear) and after the service, a Russian woman came up to me, saying: "This is the way they speak tongues in Russia" - I will call it here the "suffering church". She thereupon said: "The tongues I am hearing here, in this Church, are not the same".

I also know of a South African preacher who, round about the same time, went to Russia to bring the gospel there. He used to, in the past, criticize the "loud" (strong) speaking in tongues he had heard from me and those with me. On returning, he admitted: "They speak the tongues your way!" This is the very type of preacher who pleases man, directly acting to extinguish the real Spirit of God for if we want to criticize the spoken tongues, especially demonstrating through God's <u>proven</u> anointed, and all the time, we are indeed extinguishing the Spirit (the charismata, 1 Thes. 5.19-20). Even so-called "prophets" are doing the very same.

There are indeed those believers who are speaking in tongues in a quiet, subdued way, but it all goes in accordance with the relevant anointing. Some are then anointed in a very special way, and often because they are also endowed with a prophetic gift. They are then used as God's "trumpets" - I describe it this way for God never acts in a corner, especially when He anoints in special ways. But the Apostle Paul does refer to the "trumpet that must give a clear sound", so this should be actually for the speaking in tongues generally (1 Cor. 14).

What I then mean is that tongues should not be a mumbling or a gibberish, but a <u>loud (strong, not yelling)</u>, <u>audible, expressive way</u> (meaning here <u>clearly</u> to be heard and all but softly spoken as the charismatic preachers, in the past, used to promote the speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit tongues are then driven by God's Spirit and this will be clear to one and all.

Tongues should also operate unrestraintly in the assemblies, however, we cannot keep on speaking in tongues in the assemblies as this is contrary to what the Apostle Paul taught (1 Cor. 14). If there is no interpreter (an anointed interpretation and then not somebody opening the Bible and reading from it) then the one speaking in tongues must keep quiet (that is *after* the Spirit-driven tongues had run its full course). Paul therefore said that the speaking in tongues must not be forbidden (1 Cor. 14.39).

We can gather that Paul encountered believers in Corinth who were bent on speaking in tongues, however, he gave a teaching that we must pray for the interpretation of tongues too – should God use us this way.

God oftentimes will use an instrument to speak in tongues spontaneously, for this Spirit action will be supernatural yet real to those hearing the spoken tongues - and it will especially not be controlled in any way by man who are ALWAYS bent on taking into account those around him; a truly Holy Spirit filled vessel of God is never, under the unction of God's Spirit, focused on "appearances" and "pleasing carnal man". A truly anointed vessel will then never go by adapted standards but he or she will please God, bringing what He desires to God's flock.

However, speaking in tongues are not always and in itself the standard for a true Christian gathering for there are tongues that are not from God! I have so often encountered such situations and even where God can rebuke strange and foreign spirits. So make sure that you are baptized with Holy Spirit for a false spirit is driven by Satan and Satan has been a lier and a deceiver since the Garden of Eden days. Truly, Holy Spirit driven tongues are functional and very (extremely) powerful against Satan but there are special tongues that are also interpretable. It is through tongues (spoken through God's Spirit anointing) that God operates in the spiritual sphere but don't just mumble along and just because you want to be part of the scene!

If the aforesaid shocks you, why aren't you shocked seeing in what great mess the Body of Jesus is at this point in time? Carnal teachers, reliant on a "good/kind hearted" "peace" message, wanting to build and not break down, to speak "life" not death over people this way, are indeed the order of the day but what this popular type of preacher/prophet in fact does, is to side against God. They want to steer God's Spirit and God's Spirit shall not be steered by carnal, flesh-and-blood man! No matter how high and mighty such a one may be.

God revealed in a vision to a prophet who was all but popular in his day, especially dealing with carnal Christians, that the "vessels (the golden cups) of God had fallen in the hands of the unclean". God is never a soothsayer but He will confront sin for sin separates His flock from God and He wants us to be aware of the reality thereof (the damage it can do to our lives generally)!

So, do you want to be separated from God (who always operates in and through Jesus His Son)? Then continue doing things your way! For man's way is always the carnal path whereas God's way, harsh as it sometimes may look and be for us, is always the right way of going about. Fact is, we cannot play games with God. We cannot opt for a "good feeling" gospel separating ourselves from God and opposing God's ways simultaneously.

God showed me some time ago how the Body of Jesus has been changed into a carnival. Such confusion I have never seen in my life (in the vision) and I was amazed when I woke up. I have shared this vision and am telling here again that there was a silvery cloak enveloping the whole scene and God showed me this is New Age (a mixture of true and false, a mixture of Eastern and apostolic, a mixture of good and bad, a mixture of the table of satan with the table of the Lord (something Paul had warned against) a mixture of Satan's spirit and that of Jesus! Can it go on any longer like this?

Certainly not, God is going to intervene and if the Body of Jesus is not prepared to get washed God's way, then persecution is going to do it! Fact is, those who planted the gospel LIVED FOR CHRIST, adhering to holy principles and there is no evidence in God's Word that we, living today, are allowed to realign its borders and just to soothe ourselves with a "nice", "sweet", "feelinggood" prophetic word! This is from Satan and therefore it is called "New Age" - unless of course you are truly belonging to God, then He may and will always encourage you! This New Age spirit carries the seed of spiritism and therefore those who boast in having been "baptized" with God's (the Holy One's Spirit) must ensure that they are truly in Jesus Christ, not operating outside His boundaries! God is no liar or deceiver! The same standards that were raised for the early Church are still applicable.

What is the root cause of this type of falling away from Christ? Money! The Church of Jesus Christ was changed into a money machine! The bigger the Church and the smoother the message, the better! And this is the basis of the spirit of the world the last of the apostles had forewarned the apostolic assemblies against (John). Fact is there is a "well-to-do/well-being" spirit at work within the popular assemblies as never before and therefore even occult is applied against Christians and

just to exercise control over them! Just to down them, even to get them out of the way for such ones are a stumbling block in the path of carnal Christians! Only God's real Holy Spirit power can open (anoint) eyes and stem this spiritually decadent trend that has settled like a black cloak over the minds of modern-day Christians (especially the so-called "reborn" ones)! Fact is, should we not be prepared to allow Jesus into our assemblies His way, we are opening the door to Satan who is eager to come in with all his hordes following. He already has gained a foothold withhin the assemblies!

And we don't want to listen to this type of "condemnation" message for we want to have "peace" and "harmony", and especially a "layed-back" gospel! We want to "escape" to the church from a world that is sighing under pain and suffering. Yet we do not think that only IN Jesus we can find our rest and therefore ONLY His way, not ours.

Fact is, the early Church members' were pressurized also from the world they were living in, yet they did not use Jesus as an escape route on a Sunday or whatever day they were gathering (I don't want to begin bickering about days and months and years here - I want to point out the dangers that are facing us should we obstinately proceed on this "happy-go-lucky" path of self-created glory the mega preachers are on the whole paving for us.

<u>Life is in the true, authentic Holy Spirit!</u> And Life therefore calls for a willingness to follow God's path, not our own type of glory. We need to bend the knee to God's prescriptions anew should we want to have the benefit of true Holy Spirit POWER! True Holy Spirit endowment calls for truth and justice. True Holy Spirit endowment calls for a dedicated lifestyle. It calls for handing our lives completely over to Jesus, to follow in *His* ways and to *do* what He desires of us – to obey His Word in other words. And to walk in <u>humility</u> and so that we can <u>accept a reprimand coming from God</u> through His Spirit working, and the Living God knows best!

The crux is: If we want to participate in God's *full* blessings and if we want to participate in Holy Spirit and the Gifts thereof, then we should do what God desires, cleansing ourselves before Him, body, soul and spirit (plainly put, it boils down to REPENTANCE – teshuva – to return to God and His true path!

So.....

BRING BACK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE ASSEMBLIES (THE CHRISTIAN GATHERINGS) AND ALLOW THE REVELATION OF SIN AND SINFUL PRACTICES LOUD AND CLEAR IN THE ASSEMBLIES!

Thank God He has already brought a Holy Communion Path (as I would like to call it here) in motion and those believers participating in it regularly, know that they have to bring their spiritual lives as well as their conduct over in line with God's Word. This corps is God's true children for they confess and acknowledge their sins (1 Jn 1-2).

If you resist this type of message, go into your inner chamber and begin to pray as never before for then you are already contaminated with strange and resistant spirits. Ask the Lord to make you clean with the blood of Jesus and so that He can give you His Holy Spirit Power – not a simulation thereof but the real version!

Paul gives excellent teachings on Holy Spirit tongues BUT we must not follow wrong teachings on this excellent Gift. There are also tongues that can be spoken in ordinary languages and so that a Greek, an Italian, a Frenchman, or whoever, will be able to follow the message, should he or she not

be able to understand the language at the time used. This has often happened in the past and with Holy Spirit-filled Christians of course. It can still, and does happen today!

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Today, 66 years ago I was baptized in the Name of Jesus in Springs, South Africa, and where I also participate in the altar call. Thank God He has carried me, also washed me in the blood of the Lamb, through all these years. I will not fear for Jesus is always near! What a mighty God we serve!