

## #23 THE DREAM.....

*I am being chased in a house by two wolves! As they pursue to devour me I begin to rise up from the ground and fly in circles around the house. I can look down and see the wolves still running. I begin to speak in another tongue and when I point to the wolves they are destroyed.*

The house symbolizes my spiritual walk and the two wolves symbolize the lust of the flesh that attempts to destroy my spiritual house. As I run from these wolves I am able to rise above them and prevail. Now this speaking in tongues signifies praying in the spirit and being built up. Romans 8:13 reads:

“...for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

Notice two things: first, we must put to death the lusts of the flesh and second, it can only be done with the Spirit’s aid. Now look at these two verses:

“He that speaketh in a tongue edifieth (builds up) himself...” (I Corinthians 14:4).

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit” (Jude 20).

Speaking in tongues is a form of praying and, like dreams and parables, often has hidden purposes and meanings that are not always clear. Paul also says that speaking in tongues is speaking to God, and that it is a speaking of mysteries or secret things that are not readily apparent on the surface. I personally believe in speaking in tongues and do so in some of my intercessions. I believe prayer is the main time and place for tongues, and prayer is usually done in secret. There is an appropriate time for tongues in public, but that gives no license for the uncontrolled frenzy of emotionalism that is far from being of God. Sadly, most ministers have no discernment in this matter so they either forbid speaking in tongues altogether, or they permit every wild display to the shame and reproach of the true gifts. Neither is pleasing to the Lord.

Again, most speaking in tongues is for private times of prayer and for use in intercession. Yet if a person is not disciplined in his or her prayer life in English, why on earth would God give that person the gift of tongues? Its end is for God’s purposes and not to lift us up in pride. It is to lift us up in the spirit to pray for secret things that God desires to have prayed. Most of the speaking in tongues we hear is nothing but human emotional display! There is the real gift, however, and it has its place.