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**Isaiah 8:19,20** - <sup>19</sup> And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?  
<sup>20</sup> To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**2 Corinthians 8:14,15** - ...and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?

**Leviticus 23:4-6** - <sup>4</sup> These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. <sup>5</sup> In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. <sup>6</sup> And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

**Leviticus 23:10-11** - <sup>10</sup> ...then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest:  
<sup>11</sup> And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

**Leviticus 23:15,16** - <sup>15</sup> And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: <sup>16</sup> Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days



**Acts 2:1-11** - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.  
<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

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**Hebrews 9:24** - For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

### Note:

When Christ's inauguration as High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary was complete, the Holy Spirit came down in rich currents to start the Church.

**Hebrews 7:22** - By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

### Note:

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. Pentecost celebrates Jesus being the Guarantor of the Covenant.

### A Biblical example of the worship of demons:

**1 Kings 18:26-29** - <sup>26</sup> And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. <sup>27</sup> And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, <sup>28</sup> And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. <sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

**Matthew 6:7,8** - <sup>7</sup> But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. <sup>8</sup> Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

### Gifts of the Spirit vs the Fruit of the Spirit:

**Galatians 5: 22,23** - <sup>22</sup> But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**Matthew 7:15,16** - <sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits.

### Note:

NOT by their gifts!

**Ephesians 4:7,8,11,12,13** - <sup>7</sup> But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. <sup>11</sup> And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup> For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup> Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

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**1 Corinthians 12:1,4,7-10,17** - Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. <sup>4</sup> Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; <sup>10</sup> 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: <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

**1 Corinthians 12:18,28-30** - <sup>18</sup> But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. <sup>28</sup> And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? <sup>30</sup> Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

### **Godly Signs vs Demonic Signs**

**Mark 16:17,18** - <sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

### **Note:**

Some people presumptuously handle poisonous snakes and drink poison to prove their faith. In Matthew 4, Jesus forbids this – “thou shall not tempt the Lord your God”

### **Tongues are a sign for unbelievers:**

**1 Corinthians 14:21,22** - <sup>21</sup> 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 will they not hear me, saith the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:

**Acts 2: 1-13** - ... we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God...

**Acts 10:44-48** – <sup>44</sup> While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter, <sup>47</sup> Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

**Acts 19:1-7** - And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, <sup>2</sup> He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. <sup>3</sup> And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. <sup>5</sup> When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had

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laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

<sup>7</sup> And all the men were about twelve.

**Acts 11:15-17** - And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. <sup>17</sup> Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3,8-10** - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing. <sup>8</sup> Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect comes, then that which is in part shall be done away.

**The apostle Paul corrects the misuse of tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:**

v. 5 – Paul wishes all could speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy.

v. 9 – If tongues are not understood, they are like speaking into the air.

v. 10–11 – “There are many kinds of languages in the world...” showing tongues = human languages.

v. 18–19 – Paul says he speaks in tongues more than all but prefers intelligible words in church.

v. 21–22 – Paul quotes Isaiah 28:11 (“by people of strange tongues...”) showing tongues as foreign human speech, a sign to unbelievers.

v. 27–28 – Tongues in worship must be interpreted to edify others.

v. 39 – Do not forbid tongues, but pursue prophecy

**The Father seeks those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth:**

**Isaiah 1:18** - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

**John 4:23,24** - <sup>23</sup> But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**Note:**

To worship the Father in spirit and in truth means to worship Him with your whole heart (spirit) in a way that aligns with His Word and with Christ (truth). It's genuine, Holy Spirit-led, Christ-centered worship, not confined to rituals, places, traditions, vain repetitions or extremes.

**There are 4 things God does not know:**

He does not know a SIN he does not hate;

He does not know a SINNER he does not love;

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He does not know a SIN that he can't forgive;  
He does not know a better time THAN NOW