

Kenneth E. Hagin, from TONGUES: BEYOND THE UPPER ROOM

When you've preached as long as I have (almost seven decades!), you can start to see some things come in waves. And I can sense it in my spirit -- **there is another wave coming. Get ready for it. It isn't coming just because God said it's coming. We are going to have to enter into the deeper realm of prayer we have been talking about and give birth to that which God wants to do.**

**If you've ever gone down to the ocean and watched the waves come in, you know that before a wave ever breaks on the shore, it has its beginnings way out in the deeper waters of the ocean. The potential energy of the wave begins long before you ever see the final result washing up on the shore.**

**Well, that's what praying in tongues accomplishes in the spiritual realm. When you pray in tongues, you give impetus to the next move of God's Spirit before that spiritual "wave" is ever seen with your natural eyes!**

When I talk to other ministers, I realize we all have the same thing in our spirits. We haven't necessarily communicated in the natural with one another. There is just something in our spirits that tells us another wave is coming!

So what do we do about it? Well, we determine that we're not going to stay with the old wave and ride it into the shore, only to be left high and dry on the sand! Instead, we turn around and start swimming back out to the deep part of the ocean so we can get on the next wave -- the next mighty move of God's Spirit on this earth. And how do we swim back out to the deep? By setting aside time and dedicating ourselves to fellowship with the Father and pray in the Holy Ghost!

**But if we are going to usher in the next mighty move of God's Spirit in these last days, judgment must begin at the house of God. There is so much more God wants to do for His people. But He can't do what He wants to do until Christians humble themselves, forget their petty little differences, and come together in unity to enter the realm of the Spirit in prayer.**

**God is calling us to answer His call to pray in these last days. Jesus is coming soon -- but before He comes, there is something He wants to do. And what He does on this earth, He will do through us, His Body.**

**The Body has no coordination when half of its members are going one way and the other half is going the other way. So God is getting us ready. He is calling us to a common goal -- to yield to the prompting of the Holy Ghost to pray in other tongues! The next wave is about to burst upon us in all of its glory, and every one of us should be determined not to miss it!**

We have seen the wave called the healing revival. We have seen the wave called the Charismatic Movement. We have seen the wave of faith and of the teaching of God's Word. But now another wave is coming! It's the wave of the Holy Ghost!

**Oh, yes, we've seen the power of the Holy Ghost in a limited fashion, but a wave is coming that will bring His power on a higher level and in a far greater measure than we have ever seen heretofore. I can see that wave way out yonder in the deep waters. It's coming! The waves of Holy Ghost power are building higher!**

**Don't stay on the old wave of yesterday's move of the Spirit. Swim out to the deep waters of the Spirit realm by praying in the Holy Ghost, and get on the next wave of God's purposes for this hour. Then keep on praying so you can ride that new wave as it builds and builds in divine power and glory.**

**I'm convinced the wave that is coming will be twice as high as the healing wave, the Charismatic wave, or the faith wave. In fact, it will be twice as high as all of them put together! I believe it is going to be the wave that sweeps us right on in to the shores of the glory world!**

### **Answering God's Call to Prayer**

The Lord told me that there is a depth of prayer and intercession in the Spirit that will be lost unless we who are experienced in prayer somehow get those truths over to this present generation of believers. That is why the message of this book is so crucial.

I've known a few folks over the years who were great intercessors and who became expert in this deeper realm of praying in the Holy Ghost. But God wants *more* who can pray like those few. He *must* have more believers who know how to pray in that deeper realm, because there is a job to get done in these last days. If His plans and purposes are to be fulfilled in this late hour, more and more of His people must say no to their flesh and spend time praying out divine mysteries to God.

You know, several decades ago, we all got concerned when the Russians put the first Sputnik satellite up in space. We spent billions of dollars to get ahead of them in the space race and to put the first astronauts up there. However, when our first astronauts went up into space, they didn't get very far. They barely got out of the earth's atmosphere, entering only into the very edge of space. Why didn't they go farther? Why didn't they go to the moon on the first try? Because they hadn't been out there before. *They didn't know how to maneuver in space.*

In the same way, some of us have only got to the edge of the Spirit realm in prayer. We don't know how to maneuver out there, so we have to take it a little at a time. Nevertheless, as we continue to make ourselves available to God, praying in other

tongues, He will lead us further into that deeper realm of prayer where miracles are wrought and divine revelation is granted.

I'm going to be honest and make a confession about this: I've been so far out there a few times, I got scared! I don't mean I got scared the way you are scared of a tornado or a rattlesnake. I'm talking about a holy fear. For one thing, I was afraid I couldn't get back. I believe that may be what happened to Enoch. He got so far out in the realm of the Spirit that he couldn't get back!

There is a moving out beyond time and beyond space into the realm of the Spirit that is beyond my ability to describe. Some have walked out into that realm of prayer only far enough to get their feet wet. Like children wading in the water, they talk about what they experienced, saying, "That was so wonderful! It was the ultimate in praying in the Spirit!" But in reality, their experience in prayer was barely the beginning!

These people have only *touch*ed the realm of the Spirit. They need to wade on out into the deep waters of the Spirit until it isn't only knee deep or loin deep, but *so* deep they can't possibly touch the ocean bottom! Then they can swim on out and enjoy the fullness of what God has for them in prayer (see Ezekiel 47).

However, it is important to understand that these things will not always come easy. For one thing, the flesh will do everything possible to hold us back. That's the reason the Word of God teaches us to crucify the flesh. The mind will also hold us back, trying to make us focus on the realm of the physical senses and what can be seen. That's one reason God tells us to get our minds renewed with His Word (Rom. 12:1-2). Once our minds are renewed, we'll be able to move further into the realm of His Spirit through prayer.

But as more and more of us respond to God's call to pray, there will begin to be greater and greater manifestations of His power and glory on this earth. The manifestation and demonstration of God's Spirit will become as common and as real as everyday natural things are to us. This is what our hearts have longed for and what intercessors have prayed for so many years.

You see, the realm of the Spirit is actually the natural realm for us who are born of the Spirit. Of course, it is necessary that we walk in the natural realm to a certain extent because our bodies are natural and have natural functions. We must live in that realm. But on the other hand, we can let our spirits have the continual privilege of communicating with the Father of spirits. We can let our spirits move out beyond the natural on a daily basis.

So don't take up all your time with natural things. Some of those things are legitimate, and it's all right to take a certain amount of time pursuing them. But see to it that you give heed to your spirit.

Give your spirit opportunity to feed upon the Word and to commune with your Heavenly Father. Build yourself up on your most holy faith by making a practice of praying in other tongues. It doesn't take a lot of time ☐ just an hour or two out of twenty-four. Just pay a tithe of your time to the Lord. As you do, your own life will be changed and empowered, and your prayer life will become a mighty force, helping to fulfill God's purposes in these last days.

God wants us to move out further in the Spirit and learn how to maneuver in that greater realm of prayer. As we are faithful to obey His call to pray, the day will come when we move beyond the edge of space ☐ further on out into the Spirit ☐ and reach the fullness of God's glory!

I'll tell you this much: Jesus *is* coming. There is no use splitting hairs about that truth, because it *will* happen, whether you believe it or not! So let us commit ourselves to praying in the Spirit so a great harvest of souls can be reaped in these last days. *People are dying, and the end is coming. The end of all things is at hand, and what we do, we must do quickly.*

The Lord is calling us to prayer, and I for one am determined to answer that call.

Do you want to go with me? Just declare, "Count me in!" Then walk through the doorway to the supernatural and enter a whole new realm of prayer in the Spirit. It's a realm where revelation, direction, and supernatural communication with God are continually provided to help you fulfill *all* He's called you to do in this hour.

**Kenneth E. Hagin's  
Prayer on Behalf of the Church**

**Forgive us, O Lord. We've fallen and come so far short of the prayer life You intended us to have. We have settled for such a low grade of fellowship with You, until the things of the Spirit are so unreal to us, while mental and physical things are so very real and dominate us.**

**May we do just what the Bible commands us to do: Present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service. And may we not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds □ until the things of the Spirit become more real to us, and until Thou, O Father, become just as real in our spirits as the clothes we wear and the automobiles we drive.**

**Then we will move out into the realm of the Spirit to pray, for Thou art the Father of all spirits □ but especially of our spirits, for we have been born again and are born of You. And Thou hast given to us a means of supernatural communication whereby our spirits can be in direct contact with the Father of spirits, for as Paul said, "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth."**

**But we have taken so little advantage of this means of prayer, and You have not been able to do what You wanted to do with us, and for us, and in us, and through us in the past. We weren't ready. We weren't in place.**

**Now we are ready to some extent, and You are able to move us forward. But may we not stop here, Lord. May we not be satisfied. May we be like Smith Wigglesworth of old who said, "I am satisfied only with the dissatisfaction that has to be satisfied again and again."**

**May we move on from glory to glory. May we understand what You're saying about these last days. May we in intercession and travail give birth to that wave and to that move of God in the earth that You desire. May we understand what You are saying to our spirits.**

**We sense the urgency of it. We sense the need of it. We sense the necessity of it.**

**May we respond unto it, O God, that Your holy will may be wrought in this hour and that we may rise up in faith and, in the power of the Spirit, be the giants in the earth You always intended us to be.**

**May we be sensitive to the Spirit. May we be sensitive to His touch when He arrests our attention. May we know what He wants. May we respond to**

His prompting that He may manifest Himself through us and demonstrate Himself among us through signs and wonders and through diverse miracles and distributions of the Holy Ghost.

May we respond in the crisis of the hour and in the crisis of the day. And so shall we be ready for whatever arises. We will flow with the Spirit, and out of our innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

Then the dry places shall spring forth in beauty, and those who are thirsty shall find water to drink. The spiritually dead shall be raised and revived, and life shall be made manifest everywhere. And we shall rejoice and be glad and declare that You have done it. All praise and honor and glory will be given unto You, for You deserve it and You are worthy.

May we be so dead to the flesh, so dead to selfishness, but so yielded unto the Spirit as we do the works of righteousness and perform the works of God so that the acts of God are made manifest in us. For we are in the end times. We face the last days when armies shall gather at Armageddon.

That day *will* come. But there will also come a sweeping harvest that sweeps across the world and around the globe because we prayed ☐ because we dared to *stand* in that place of prayer. We dared to stand in the gap, to make up the hedge, and to intercede for the land.

Thus, the work of God shall be accomplished, and that which the Lord desires for the last days shall come to pass. And the harvest shall be reaped, the angels shall rejoice, men shall be blessed, and the glory of the Lord shall shine round about us brighter than the noonday sun. In the Name of Jesus, amen.