

# **Tongues - a Sign of God's Judgement**

1 Corinthians 14:20-25

(series #58)

**Introduction:** the value and limitations of experience

## **I. The Exhortation to Maturity v. 20**

A. "Be uneducated in malice or sin"

B. "Don't be uneducated in understanding"

## **II. The Explicit Purpose of Tongues vv. 21-22**

A. The paraphrase of Isaiah 28:11-12 in verse 21

1. The northern kingdom had fallen to Assyria

2. The southern kingdom was facing Babylon

B. The purpose of tongues as a sign v. 22

1. Tongues are a sign to unbelieving Israel

2. Prophesying is for God's people

## **III. The Example of an Unbelieving Visitor vv. 23-25**

A. "Tongues" will tell him you are insane v. 23

B. Proclamation of the word will convict v. 24

C. Proclamation of the word will convert v. 25

**Conclusion:** The gift of tongues has served its purpose

A. God's judgment came in A.D. 70

B. Church leaders since have said tongues have ceased