# **TONGUES**

#### BEYOND THE UPPER ROOM



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#### **FOREWORD**

I believe that my father, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin, was one of the greatest men of God of this generation. I know I'm a little prejudiced, but I'd believe that even if I *weren't* his son. I certainly know a great number of other people who feel the same way I do.

Throughout my life, I listened attentively to Dad, trying to learn as much of his wisdom as I could. I always stood in awe of the revelations he received from God's Word over the years. In this book, Dad makes the statement that all those revelations came to him as a result of much prayer and studying the Word. I can personally attest to the truth of that statement.

I have vivid memories of my dad when I was six and seven years old and he was pastoring his last church before he went out on the field. Many times as I went to bed at night in that small, old parsonage, I'd look over at my dad—a tall, skinny young man of about 31 years old—as he sat bowed over his desk in the corner, studying the Bible by the light of a little desk lamp.

Sometimes I'd wake up and turn over in the middle of the night, and there that young man would be, still sitting at that desk. Mom would wake me up for school the next morning, and Dad would still be sitting there, with books and open Bibles lying all over the desk or spread out on the floor around him.

Dad would always get up from his desk and sit down at the kitchen table to eat breakfast with my sister Pat and me before we left for school. But many times when I came home from school in the afternoon, I'd see my dad still sitting at that same desk, surrounded by the same books and open Bibles.

I remember many mornings when I'd wake up and find out that my dad had prayed all night long. Without ever having gone to bed, he would take a shower and clean up; then he'd go out to take care of the business of the church all day long. Dad would simply say, "Well, the Holy Spirit will refresh me."

So if you have ever wondered how Kenneth E. Hagin learned all that he knew and all that he taught to so many people over his almost 70 years of ministry, now you know. He received that revelation knowledge by studying the Bible and other good books and by praying hours upon hours on end. Do you want to get to where my dad was in his spiritual walk? Well, that's the kind of price you have to be willing

to pay.

During the Charismatic Renewal of the 1960s and 1970s, my father spoke into the lives of many, explaining the necessity of the power of the Holy Spirit. God used him in a profound way to touch that generation.

Then in the 1990s, it seemed that manifestations of that power waned. But now I sense in my spirit a greater move of the Holy Spirit on the horizon. Because tongues is so important, we have gathered transcripts of much of Dad's teaching on the subject and compiled a comprehensive study for these days. Dad spoke simply, and we believe his words will help others understand these vital truths.

I thank God for the heritage I have, and I am proud to introduce to you this powerful book that explores the profound value of speaking with other tongues. These pages contain the rich and timeless teachings of one of the foremost prophets of God given to this generation—my father, Kenneth E. Hagin. He went home to be with the Lord in 2003, but his words and his prayers for the Body of Christ are still important and helpful, calling believers to come up higher in prayer and to live in the fullness of their inheritance in Christ.

The last days are upon us, and God is looking for those who are willing to pay the price in prayer. We've stopped short at the door to the supernatural far too long. For my father, the door was praying in tongues as provided to him through the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There are various evidences to the fullness of the Spirit in a person's life. But it's important that we begin with and not settle for less than what the Bible provides for us in tongues. As Dad stated so eloquently, "People are dying, and the end is coming. The end of all things is at hand, and what we do, we must do quickly."

So I urge you to let my father's teaching stir you to the depths of your being to begin praying in the Spirit like never before. It's time to step *through* the door and begin to walk in the power and revelation of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. And as you make yourself available to God in prayer, He will begin to use you to bring about His purposes on this earth in ways that today you can't even imagine!

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Kenneth W. Hagin

