

## 1 Tongues

works of God." Here were at least twenty different languages represented by the people there and these people said, "Each of us hears the wonderful works of God spoken in our own language." Well, the one possibility of course is that this was a miracle of hearing, that these people all spoke one strange language, some gibberish--there was no language, but that God caused that all these different people, each one would hear in his own language. That's a possibility. In that case it was not a miracle of speaking but a miracle of hearing. Another possibility of course is that these apostles there were all speaking in different languages and so that every one there would hear somebody speaking--you know if you hear about twenty different people talking and all in different languages and you only know your own language, all of a sudden you catch a word and then you catch another and pretty soon you don't catch anything else except your language. You'd get over near that man and all the rest would be just a noise to you. Now it is possible that could happen. There were many different languages all being talked at once and each of these people present would naturally gravitate to the place where he could hear his own language spoken. Well, now which of them it is we do not know. It does not say. But this we know, that people there heard their own language spoken. Whether it was actually spoken or whether God caused them to hear something different from what was spoken, they heard their own language spoken there. I have heard it said that Amy Semple McPherson in her younger years with the group of people with whom she was associated as they were speaking in tongues came to the conclusion they were speaking Chinese and they raised some money and went over to China to convert the Chinese and when they got there they found the Chinese couldn't understand them at all and then I have heard that missionaries there had to raise money to take these poor people who were actually up against it and pay their way back to the United States. I'd heard that story some years ago rather at third hand and I didn't know whether it was true or not but I was talking with Mr. Troutman yesterday and he told me that he had heard Mrs. MacPherson in her later years tell substantially that story on the radio, that she had gone