

1 Corinthians 14:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Analysis

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest—Greek *ta krypta tēs kardias autou phanera ginetai* (τὰ κρυπτὰ τῆς καρδίας αὐτοῦ φανερά γίνεται, "the hidden things of his heart become manifest"). Prophetic preaching, illuminated by the Spirit, exposes the hearer's inner life. **And so falling down on his face he will worship God**—the result: *pesōn epi prosōpon proskynēsei tō theō* (πесὼν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον προσκυνήσει τῷ θεῷ, "falling on [his] face, he will worship God").

And report that God is in you of a truth (*ontos ho theos en hymin estin*, ὅντως ὁ θεὸς ἐν ὑμῖν ἐστιν, "truly God is among you"). This echoes Isaiah 45:14 (LXX), where Gentiles recognize God's presence in Israel. True worship—intelligible, Spirit-filled proclamation—makes God's presence undeniable. Tongues impress no one; prophecy convicts and converts.

Historical Context

Paul's vision: corporate worship should be so transparently God-filled that outsiders encounter divine reality, not human spectacle. This happened through intelligible proclamation that pierced hearts (Acts 2:37).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does prophecy reveal 'the secrets of the heart'?
2. What's the evangelistic power of worship where 'God is in you of a truth'?
3. How can we cultivate worship that convicts and converts unbelievers?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὕτως	τὰ	κρυπτὰ	τῆς	καρδίας	αὐτοῦ	φανερὰ
And	so	G3588	the secrets	G3588	heart	of his	manifest
G2532	G3779		G2927		G2588	G846	G5318
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are	And	so	falling down	on	his face	he will worship	
G1096	G2532	G3779	G4098	G1909	G4383	G4352	
τῷ	θεὸς	ἀπαγγέλλων	ὅτι	ὁ	θεὸς	ὄντως	ἐν ὑμῖν
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 45:14 (References God): Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Zechariah 8:23 (References God): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

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