

# I Corinthians 13:1 Clanging Gong – Prophecy – Knowledge – Mysteries

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### **“CLANGING GONG – SOUNDING BRASS” χαλκός ἡχῶν brass sounding**

This was a peddler who carried around with him in the supermarkets a brass, bronze or copper clanging gong. He would use it as he passed through the streets of the ancient cities – moving his cart from place to place. He would slap two pieces of medal together and the loud noise would bring attention to his wares.

The analogy here is that the believer who used the gift of tongues or the person who tried to attain tongues, or any spiritual gift, outside the System of Love would be like this peddler calling attention to himself, and this did not glorify the Lord. He is a clanging gong calling attention to himself.

### **“TINKLING CYMBAL” κύμβαλον ἀλαλάζον**

κύμβαλον is a cymbal used for ritual observance – alalazon = means to wail or to mourn (lament). Cries at a funeral – men with lungs of leather and throats of steal were secured to loudly cry at funeral. They were paid mourners. This was related to the Phallic Cult – so we can translate this as ‘THE ECSTATIC NOICE OF THE PHALLIC CULT – worshippers were screaming and wailing.

“Suppose I communicate with languages of mankind (tongues), also the languages of angelic creatures. But I do not have the LOVE SYSTEM; I have become shrill like the clanging of a PEDDLAR’S GONG AND SPEAKING LIKE THE ECSTATIC NOISES OF THE PHALLIC CULT.” ARROGANCE DESTROYS THE FUNCTION OF ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT! ARROGANCE MAKES ANY GIFT AN ITEM TO CALL ATTENTION TO SELF!

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### PROPHECY, KNOWLEDGE, MYSTERIES

#### DEFINITIONS

- PROPHECY – TEMPORARY GIFT OF TEACHING NEW TESTAMENT INFORMATION BEFORE IT WAS ACTUALLY WRITTEN.
- KNOWLEDGE – TEMPORARY GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE IN CONTRAST TO THE PERMANENT GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE – TODAY WE HAVE THE PERMANENT GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE THAT COMES BY STUDY – (Having the completed Canon of Scripture) THEN THEY HAD THE TEMPORARY GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- MYSTERIES – A technical Word including the BHS, IC, IHS not found in the OT but given to us in the NT, revealed by the HS, through the ministry of the Apostle Paul.