

SOHL
WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Taking down personal strongholds ***(The power to come out in Christ)***

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Please read your scripture prior to reading meditation. MATTHEW 21:18-22

Contextually, the mountain refers to the demon that was afflicting the man's son. Jesus tells His disciples that, if their faith was stronger, they could have commanded the demon to leave the boy, and it would be so. This was clearly the case in Matthew 10 when Jesus sent His disciples out to cure diseases, cast out demons, and spread the gospel. Jesus did not assert that mustard seed-sized faith could literally move mountains. Rather, the expression Jesus used was a common colloquialism of that day; to a Jew of Jesus' day, a mountain was a metaphor signifying a seemingly impossible task.

Moving a mountain is impossible - for anyone but God, but nothing is impossible for God. He is the true focus of these verses, not the miraculous event contemplated, or even the person who prays for it with such great faith. Should this actually come to pass, it would not be the miracle itself that should attract our attention, nor should the person who makes this petition be held in excessive awe, but rather God who brings such glorious things about for His own sovereign purposes. Moving a mountain is impossible, and that is the point of Jesus' comparison. We need to understand that if we need a mountain to be moved, then God is not only capable of doing this with no effort, but He will do whatever is necessary and good and right in the fulfillment of His will and plan for our lives. He can and will do whatever is needful - we only have to believe. We all have mountains and obstacles in our paths that are so large and so daunting that surmounting them appears as an obvious impossibility. However, we must remember our Lord's words in these moments. We know that He has us by the hand and that we won't sink in the rising waters as long as we continue to trust Him.

Faith that can move mountains is not meant to imply a faith that can exactly move literal mountains. The point Jesus was making is that even a little bit of faith—faith the size of a tiny mustard seed—can overcome mountainous obstacles in our lives. The power comes from God - God only! If we address any problem in our life spiritually, the problem can be removed.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 23:11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How can you pull down strongholds of Satan if you don't even have the strength to turn off your TV?