

The Ark Church
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The Heart/Mouth Connection

Stewardship:

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient you will eat the good of the land (NKJV).

Many promises of God are conditional. This is one of those. It concerns our prosperity. To “eat the good of the land” would mean that you were prosperous. Actually, the Living Bible (which is an interpretation, but a translation) says “I will make you rich”.

So what are the conditions? You must be willing and obedient.

- Some are willing but not obedient – They want to obey God but are fearful and so they do not obey.
- Some are obedient but not willing – They obey God, but not from a willing heart.

I heard some say “When I have enough money, I will tithe.” The truth is if you don’t give when you have little, you won’t give when you have much. The key is to be willing to “start” where you are and give with an expectant heart that God’s promise will manifest in your life and you will “eat the good of the land”.

LESSON

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24 therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

To understand these verses we must get them in context. This chapter begins with Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem on what we refer to as “Palm Sunday”. The next morning he went to the temple...

Vs. 12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry

13. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

*14. In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” **And His disciples heard it.***

Everything Jesus did He did with a specific purpose in mind....remember that as we continue to lay the groundwork for our lesson....

15. So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

16. And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.

17. Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" but you have made it a den of thieves.

"my house a house of prayer" – 1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you whom you have from God and you are not your own.

Jesus was saying that "his house" was to be filled with prayer. If we are the temple of God or His house, then we also should be "filled with prayer". With that in mind... let's return to that fig tree:

Verse 20. Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

Peter was really asking how did you do that?

Jesus used the fig tree as an object lesson in the "Prayer of Faith"....

22. So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God".

Some have translated this: "Have the God kind of faith". This is a call to faith. Then Jesus begins to explain the "fig tree".

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Jesus uses a "mountain" rather than a "fig tree" to illustrate His point. The fig tree and mountain both represent an IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. It was not possible for a healthy fig tree to wither away in 24 hours... neither is it humanly possible to move a literal mountain. Both examples speak to the obstacles in our life.

The first ingredient for a miracle is an impossible situation. So what's your impossible situation?

There were conditions for moving mountains:

- You must speak to the mountain. What must we speak? (*Zechariah 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain, and he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it."*) The previous verse in Zechariah was a *"Word from the Lord to Zerubbabel..."Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord of hosts."* It must be the same with us. We must speak "The Word of God" to our mountain... "Grace, grace to it."
- You must handle doubt in your heart. We handle doubt by replacing it with God's Promises. (*2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV casting down arguments and every high thing that*

exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience to Christ)

- You must believe. (*2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak.*)

It's the "heart/mouth" connection. From the moment we first believe this important connection is activated and brings results (*Romans 10:9-10 NKJV if you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*)

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The "heart/mouth" connection is important all the time, but especially when you pray. **"Believing" is a choice, not an emotion.** You decide what you believe and then you put that belief in your mouth.

Mark 11:23 is a powerful verse about faith and confession that believers claim and use around the world. But the principle in this verse works in both a positive and negative sense... it works in the realm of God and in the realm of the devil... According to what Jesus taught in this verse, you can bring to pass whatsoever you say and believe in your heart.

"Does not doubt in his heart" = to hesitate, to waver, to differ. If your heart doesn't differ, or waver from what your mouth is saying, the combination of his heart and mouth in agreement will always make things happen.

Example: Healing... If you believe in your heart that Jesus purchased your healing and you put your faith together with the confession of your mouth, you can literally bring that healing into manifestation in your physical body.

Creative power is released when the heart and mouth get into agreement!

That is why you must be careful about what you believe in your heart and say with your mouth, because when your heart and mouth get "in sync" with each other, it literally makes things come to pass.

This heart/mind connection can bring about healing in your body, salvation to your family, prosperity to your business, and spiritual growth. But It isn't just God who uses the heart or mind/mouth connection. Satan also uses it. He knows if he can fill your mind and heart with

lies that you believe and then coax you into confessing those lies with your mouth, you will make those evil images come to pass in your life!
He delights in filling our perceptions and senses with illusions that captivate and paralyze us and can ultimately destroy us.

This is why it's so important for you to spend time in the Word of God. The Word of God will renew your mind to God's way of thinking (Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind). God's Word brings a supernatural cleansing that washes your mind and emotions from the contamination of the world, the memories of past experiences, and the lies the enemy has tried to sow in your mind.

So what's your mountain?

Learn to Say and Pray the power of God into your situation... you will see that mountain move.