

## Moving Mountains

Sunday Morning, August 12, 2012

**Thesis:** Face Your Mountain of Opposition Through Prayer and Know the Security of the Will of God

**Introduction:** "Truly Believe" Testimony

### I. Faith is One Component to Powerful and Effective Prayer (Matthew 21:21)

Jesus answered them,

"I assure you: If you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you tell this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done.

[Move Mountain](#)

#### (Luke 7: 1-10)

1 When He had concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2 A centurion's slave, who was highly valued by him, was sick and about to die.

3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Him, requesting Him to come and save the life of his slave.

4 When they reached Jesus, they pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this,

5 because he loves our nation and has built us a synagogue."

6 Jesus went with them, and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell Him, "Lord, don't trouble Yourself, since I am not worthy to have You come under my roof.

7 That is why I didn't even consider myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be cured.

8 For I too am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

9 Jesus heard this and was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, "I tell you, I have not found so great a faith even in Israel!"

10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. Jesus said, "I tell you, I have not found so great a faith even in Israel!"

[What Was the Mountain?](#)

[What Kind of Faith Did the Centurion Have?](#)

[What Did Faith Accomplish Here?](#) 1

[So Do We Just "Psych" Ourselves Up With Faith?  
And Then Ask Anything of God and Receive It? No, We Must. . .](#)

### II. . . . Ask and Pray According to the Will of God (Matthew 7: 7-11)

7 "Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

[Ask, Seek, Find](#)

#### (John 14: 12-14)

12 "I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

13 Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

[Ask in His Name](#)

#### (I John 3: 21-22)

21 Dear friends, if our conscience doesn't condemn us, we have confidence before God

22 and can receive whatever we ask from Him because we keep His commands and do what is pleasing in His sight.

[Ask in Obedience](#)

#### (John 9:31)

We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him.

#### (I John 5: 14-15)

14 Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for. [Ask in Confidence](#)

**III. Find the "Security" of God's Will Through Prayer!**  
**(Zechariah 4: 1-7)**

1 The angel who was speaking with me then returned and roused me as one awakened out of sleep.

2 He asked me, "What do you see?"

I replied, "I see a solid gold lampstand there with a bowl on its top. It has seven lamps on it and seven channels for each of the lamps on its top.

3 There are also two olive trees beside it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."

4 Then I asked the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5 "Don't you know what they are?" replied the angel who was speaking with me.

I said, "No, my lord."

6 So he answered me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by strength or by might, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of Hosts.

7 'What are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain. And he will bring out the capstone accompanied by shouts of: Grace, grace to it!'"

**Conclusion:**

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