

Si Tuvieras Fe

Si tuvieras fe como un grano de mostaza, ese nos dice el Señor. (x2) Yo le diría a esa montaña muévete, muévete. (x2) Esa montaña se moverá, se moverá, y se moverá. (Matt. 17:20; Mark 11:23)

What, if anything, can stop the blessing of *Elohim* in our lives? Is the working of the Father through His Messiah *Yeshua* subject to any deterrents? The answer, of course, is unbelief, that is, lack of faith. Unbelief stops the L-rd's blessings! Unbelief prevents miracles. Unbelief stops our ministry against principalities and powers. It limits His working: ⁵⁸*"He did few miracles there because of their unbelief"* (Matt. 13:58). Unbelief causes *Adonai* to rebuke us. Unbelief would have stopped Abraham from reaching the Father's goals for him. Unbelief is keeping our people from being grafted into their own Olive Tree. Unbelief causes G-d to shut up mankind. Unbelief leads to apostasy. Unbelief keeps us from entering our Shabbat Rest and fall short of the mark. I agree with the father of the child in Mark 9:24 and say: *"L-rd, help thou my unbelief!"*

⁶*And without faith it is impossible to please G-d, for he who comes to G-d must believe that He is (exists) and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)*

He said to them, "Because you have such little trust (unbelief, KJV)! Yes! I tell you that if you have trust as tiny as a mustard seed, you will be able to say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!' and it will move; indeed, nothing will be impossible for you! (Matt. 17:20)

²⁰*As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. ²¹Being reminded, Kefa said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." ²²And Y'shua answered saying to them, "Have faith in G-d. ²³Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you." (Mark 11:20-24)*

Yeshua was in the last days of ministry. He had just cleansed the Temple, driving out the moneychangers. In these precious and short days, before His passion, when He is pouring into His *Talmidim*, preparing them to "take over" so to speak, we find His statement *"Have faith in G-d."* (Mark 11:22) What an amazing response to *Kefa's* remark *"Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."* (Vv. 21) When we see miracles, when we see marvelous things, when we see supernatural events, even today, we are to *"Have faith in G-d."*

From the very beginning of Scripture, *Elohim* has sought a people who would live before Him without fear. He has always wanted His children to be at rest in body, soul, and spirit by fully trusting in His promises. He has always called upon His people to place all their trust in Him so He can do the impossible for them. What is this mountain that we are to say to "MUÉVETE!" The mountain is unbelief—lack of trust in our Heavenly Father. Scholars have given *"this mountain"* all kinds of names: the mountain of besetting sin, of poverty, of sickness, of fear and of discouragement. But even a cursory look at these names leads us to discern that all these things are birthed from unbelief. The sad fact remains that in the times of *Yeshua's* earthly ministry He was unable to perform miracles in His own community

⁵³*When Yeshua had finished these parables, he left ⁵⁴and went to his home town. There he taught them in their synagogue in a way that astounded them, so that they asked, "Where do this man's wisdom and miracles come from? ⁵⁵Isn't he the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother called Miryam? and his brothers Ya'akov, Yosef, Shim'on and Y'hudah? ⁵⁶And his sisters, aren't they all with us? So where does he get all this?" ⁵⁷And they took offense at him. But Yeshua said to them, "The only place people don't respect a prophet is in his home town and in his own house." ⁵⁸And he did few miracles there because of their lack of trust (unbelief, KJV)." (Matt. 13:53-58)*

¹*Then Yeshua left and went to his home town, and his talmidim followed him. ²On Shabbat he started to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They asked, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wis-*

dom he has been given? What are these miracles worked through him? ³Isn't he just the carpenter? the son of Miryam? the brother of Ya'akov and Yosi and Y'hudah and Shim'on? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴But Yeshua said to them. "The only place people don't respect a prophet is in his home town, among his own relatives, and in his own house." ⁵So he could do no miracles there, other than lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of trust (unbelief, KJV)." (Mark 6:1-6)

Where was *Yeshua* in the passage above? Answer: in His hometown synagogue. He could do no miracles in his home congregation! How unfortunate! In Gainesville, we are *Yeshua's* home synagogue—the only synagogue of his own natural brothers and sisters who believe in Him. If there is unbelief in Kol Simcha, *Yeshua* cannot do mighty miracles and we may be relegated to a lessened ministry of just the laying of hands on a few sick people to heal them. Unbelief is always the mountain that hinders the fullness of *Yeshua's* revelation and His blessing. You see, He came to “*give life, and life more abundantly.*”

Unbelief is a Grievous Sin with Grievous Consequences

At the beginning of the *B'rit Chadasha*, we have an example of how serious is unbelief to our *Elohim*. We see at the beginning of Matthew how after the angel *Gabriel* announces to *Zechariah* that he will have a son and that he will name his son *Yochanan* he responds: “*How can this be? My wife and I are stricken in years.*” Does *Elohim* excuse a top level *cohen* from his unbelief? Instead the angel is directed to tell him that he will be “*dumb, and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed because you did not believe my words.*” What a grievous punishment, don't you think? His own miracle son is to herald the coming of the Messiah, to be in the power and anointing of *Eliyahu*, as prophesied in Mal. 4:5-6, but as for *Zechariah*, he does not get to celebrate the good news for the duration (nine months) of his wife's pregnancy!

King *Asa* is another example of a faithful servant whose unbelief did not escape *Elohim's* displeasure and accompanying consequences. For thirty six years *Asa* had walked faithfully with *Adonai*. But now here comes *Baasha* king of Israel and capture *Ramah*, a two just five miles from Jerusalem, cutting off vital trade into the city. But this time *Asa* yields to the fear and unbelief that He who delivered him nearly forty years ago is on the scene to deliver him now. So *Asa* strips Judah of all of their treasury and offers money to the Syrians to deliver Judah (yes, the Syrians!). At this time we read one of the most sobering responses ever delivered to a king by a prophet when he said: “*For the eyes of ADONAI move here and there throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of those who are wholehearted toward him. You acted foolishly in this regard; for from now on, you will have war.*” (2 Chro. 16:9) It is often said that the hardest part of faith is the last half hour. The fact is that *Elohim* already had a plan in motion to deliver Judah. But *Asa* aborted *Adonai's* plan by acting in fear, panic and unbelief. Unbelief always brings total disorder and chaos.

Be Thou Removed

Who is responsible to move this grievous mountain of unbelief from before us? We are! We are to have the faith and trust, even as that of a mustard seed (the tiniest of seeds) and we are to “speak” (like *Moshe* was to speak to the rock) and command the mountain of unbelief to “*Be taken up and cast into the sea.*” The fact is that *Yeshua* is telling us that His promise is that whatever we desire, when we pray, we are to believe and trust that we will receive them, and we will have them. Can you believe it? Some believers operate by faith for years, but when their “crisis of crises” comes, they give in to unbelief. “*Yeshua*, how do I cast this mountain of unbelief from my heart?” The answer is found at Gethsemane, the place where all mountains obey His Word. The modern posture of the Body of Messiah is to say that “Ours is not a generation of tears. We have been called to celebrate.” But at the most despairing time in *Yeshua's* life, His model and example was “Thy Will and not Mine Will be done.” He gets up from pleading, sweating blood, and agony and says, in essence, “Father, I have prayed, wept, fasted, done everything. But now, Father, I unload my soul to you, in total trust. Your Will be done!” He spoke to the mountain, and it was cast into the deep of the sea...