



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

#11. "JESUS SPEAKS TO THE FIG TREE"

Matthew 21:18 Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry.

¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. ²⁰ When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. ²¹ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." [Also Mark 11:12-14, 20-26]



Jesus makes a brief but powerful declaration over the fig tree: literally he says,

"no longer will fruit come from you, forever."

Much to the disciples' amazement, the fig tree dries up; much more to their amazement, Jesus says this is possible for anyone who speaks out of an undoubting faith.

Using similar words, he had told them earlier,

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain,

'Move from here to there' and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

It is not the symbolism which the disciples notice, but *the power of Jesus' word*, and their response implies the question, "Can we do such marvels too?" *TNTC*

Trust in God ... is related to what the disciple can accomplish. In human strength, very little can be done, but when the disciple trusts God wholeheartedly and without doubting, then great things are possible. *Morris*

No task in harmony with God's will is impossible to be performed by those who believe and do not doubt ... We should not try in any way whatever to minimize the force of this saying and to subtract from its meaning. Both in the physical and in the spiritual sphere the apostles had already been doing things that would have been considered just as "impossible" as causing a mountain to be lifted up and thrown into the sea. Had not Peter "by faith" walked on the water? *Hendriksen*

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