

TOPIC Speak to your Mountain THEME Priests & Kings (Part 6)

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

SP Daniel Foo expounded Part Six of the Sermon Series "Priests and Kings". Every born-again believer is both a priest and king. The believer performs the functions of a priest and king; The believer is a priest who ministers to God and man. At the same time, the believer is a king representing the authority and power of God on the earth. Therefore as kings, we speak to the mountains in our lives.

Based on the account of Jesus Christ and the fig tree in Mark 11, this sermon is a lesson on Prayer of Faith by speaking to the mountains of our lives. It is important to know the context that the mountain is not a physical mountain. Rather, the mountain represents the problems and obstacles in our lives. We must know what the mountains in our lives are.

AS KINGS, WE SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN!

1. KNOW WHAT IS THE MOUNTAIN

The mountain has a name. It is an obstacle that blocks the specific grace of God from coming into our lives, or the lives of the people we are ministering to. The grace of God is everything we need in life. The mountain always has to do with people - ourselves and the people we minister to. SP reminds us never to take on a demon principality; an idol in and of itself. We minister only in relation to people. There will be consequences when we violate the boundaries of our authority and power (2 Peter: 10-11, 2 Corinthians 10:13, Ephesian 6:12). Our authority and power are over ground-level demons that afflict people in every way (Luke10:19, Mark 3:14-18). Therefore we bind and cast out demons only in relation to ministering to people.

2. DO NOT ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN

The more you talk about your mountain, the bigger it gets. You may turn a mole-hill into a mountain. If you don't speak to your mountain, it will speak to you. The mountain will taunt you. One negative example is the army of Israel which kept talking about the size of Goliath instead of talking about the size of God (1 Samuel 17).

3. ASK GOD FOR THE SPECIFIC GRACE YOU NEED FOR THE MOUNTAIN

We pray by faith and ask God directly-specifically for the grace you need for the problem-mountain (Hebrew 4:16, Luke 11:9). We focus on God's Power and not the size of the problem-mountain. We

need to start talking to the mountain about our God. One positive example is David who focused on how big his God is vis-à-vis Goliath.

4. EXERCISE OUR AUTHORITY BY SPEAKING TO THE MOUNTAIN

We exercise our authority and power over the mountain by speaking to it (Proverbs 18:21). It is not speaking to God. It is rather speaking to the mountain-problem; we are commanding and rebuking the mountain as a king. God will not speak to the mountains for you as He has already won victory at the cross and given us the authority and power to do so. We put on the armour of God and face our enemies. We therefore speak and command our mountains.

5. DO NOT DOUBT WHEN WE SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN

Do not doubt in your hearts when we speak to the mountains (Mark 11:23). We keep growing our faith like the example of the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:27-29). We starve our doubts by not speaking our unbelief. Satan has no power over us except what we give him. We continually appropriate the blood of Christ over our lives, receiving forgiveness, cleansing and covering. (1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 4:27).

CONCLUSION

We can Speak to our Mountain in four practical ways:

- a) Relationship Evangelism and Strategic Prayers
- b) Resisting the devil
- c) Rebuking sickness and diseases
- d) Take authority over the environment of our situations

However, when doing so, we must take care not to doubt. How, then, do we learn how to speak to our Mountain? By Feeding and Growing our Faith, and Starving our doubts.

As priests and kings, we speak to our mountains in our lives. Like a mustard seed which can grow into a big tree, as we keep growing our faith and starving the doubts in our lives, nothing will be impossible.

QUESTIONS

1. What is a mountain in the context of Mark 11? Elaborate on a mountain in your life and how God helped you to remove it.

2. Why is it easy to keep talking about the mountain instead of talking to the mountain? What does having the faith of God in Mark 11:22 mean?

3. Sometimes we think, "My faith is too small to make any difference." How can we "starve our doubts"? Apply your faith by praying for one another.