

THE MUSTARD SEED FAITH

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There has been a lot of misleading information concerning faith. We are told that we can move mountains with faith the size of a mustard seed. This arose out of the misquoting of the scripture (Matthew 17:20) to appeal to the emotion and feelings of weakness in the human mind.

The scripture does not say if you had faith the size of a mustard seed. Let's examine the scripture. When the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demons in the child, he answered as follows: Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Jesus says it is because of their unbelief or the size of their faith. When the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Lord, save us: we perish." (Mt. 8:25) Jesus rebuke them "And He said to them, Why are you timid and afraid, O you of little faith? Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great and wonderful calm (a perfect peaceableness)." So it's not that they did not have faith but it wasn't sufficient to get the job done. Why?

It's because of where they had placed their faith. Having faith in yourself and/or your abilities, your friends, government officials, or some churches and pastors will not be sufficient in the time of trouble.

We must not only place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ but be able to hear Him for ourselves. Then our faith will grow to be sufficient, (Mt 6:33) because in the time of trouble we need to call on and have faith in the only True and Living God who will supply our need according to His riches in glory. We must seek first the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God (the way God does things). "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the wild birds found shelter and roosted and nested in its branches." Luke 13:19 (AMP)

Don't be deceived, plant your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, walk in obedience to His word and keep His commandments. Jesus will reveal Himself to you and the mountains will move.

"For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock." Psalm 27:5 (AMP)

"But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge and secure Stronghold in the time of trouble." Psalm 37:39 (AMP)

"O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited [expectantly] for You. Be the arm [of Your servants—their strength and defense] every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble." Isaiah 33:2 (AMP)