

Apostleship - Part 4

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Norman Grubb emphasizes the transformative power of faith in overcoming life's challenges and seizing opportunities through prayer and action.

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Scripture: Joshua 1:9, Joshua 3:2-3, Zechariah 4:6, Matthew 17:20, Matthew 21:21, Mark 11:23, Luke 17:6

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the concept of having faith in God and how it relates to overcoming obstacles. The sermon references Joshua's command to cross the river and conquer the Promised Land as an example of having faith in God's promises. The speaker emphasizes the importance of filling in the 'blank check' that God gives us with our desires and trusting that He will provide. The sermon also mentions the speaker's own experiences of seeing God's provision and the growth of their mission over the years.

Transcript

How do you do it when you're against it? That's talk! Fortunately for us, God stopped talking, fortunately. At verse 9. I think at verse 10, thing closed, I think it's verse 10 or 9 or 10, and he said, Joshua, turn back to his army, this train, of course, that side of the river, the river in front, he said, call his officers, prepare you food, like they're doing over here now for us, prepare you food, for in three days you'll cross this Jordan. Do you know what we saw? On what authority did Joshua say three days? Oh, prepare food, because the river in front, in three days you'll cross the Jordan and get in.

We saw it like a flash, you know what a flash is? Oh, we see, we act as God. God gives us a blank cheque, we fill the cheque in. He puts us in a situation, he says, that's your thing, you put your cheque in, here's our blank cheque, you put the amount in, we saw it.

Joshua put it in, oh, we say, we know, we haven't stopped putting fees ever since. And the crusade, which had 35 missions started in those days, it was about 1,500 workers, not counting hundreds, the Prussians, Africans, the Indonesians and so on, and the books, the area of it sold books of point-of-class worth over \$50 million worth last year, all point-of-class, and gifts we never asked for a penny. I suppose \$3 or \$4 million came in to support the mission.

We don't care, we starve, we starve, that's all right. It doesn't look like it, do we? But you see, in other words, we started that way. We started putting, first year we put 10 in, next year we put 15 in, next year 25, next year 50, next year 75, today we're fitting hundreds of them.

And again and again and again, we learned how to sort things out, at that time we saw it out, at that time we made our first step at that moment, we said, let our first step be these three days. We'll now say, God says, 10 new workers, to us that was big. But this year, we put even a date, 10 new workers.

I won't talk about those details, I don't have time anyhow, except that they happened, within three days of the 10, the last man, he's still named as Mr. 10 in Africa, and the last man, he came in, and he went. But what I mean is, we learned this system then, and this is what I'm talking about. Have faith, what do you mean? What God after? Ah, ah, what God after? Now you'll find that in the next verse, what God after, sticking a mountain in front of you, see how you scream and howl.

So the next verse says, ah, you've got mountains. How do you have faith in God? Ah, you've got mountains, look, have faith in God, and He says, very I say unto you, when we shall say unto a mountain, be removed, be cast to the sea, don't doubt your heart, you'll have whatsoever you say. So this is how you start, by God's mountains, of course, as difficult as it is, God means to come in, His freedom, the world puts them in, the flesh puts them in, difficult to come in front of us, needs and problems and stuff, that is to come.

Now, a mountain, is what appears not you, no, a mountain is how you see it. You live from inside, not outside. A mountain looks like, there's a mountain, scientifically, there's a problem, there's a need, there's a, boop, boop, boop, boop, that's a mountain.

The mountain is how you see it. How do I prove that? He says, say unto a mountain, be thou removed, be thou, well, you can't see anything in the sea, can you? Be you cast to the sea, you can't see it. And if you want a simple proof, I've found it, I've found a great blessing, perhaps I haven't found it since.

I suddenly find it in the last prophet, but one in the Bible, Zechariah. And in a little statement there, one that was very famous, but the next verse is what matters to me, they were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, and the head man was Zerubbabel, the leader, Zechariah was the high priest, no, Zechariah wrote it, Josedek was the high priest, and Zechariah got a bit of mounting, I don't know, things were fogging up, it wasn't going well, and so he was a bit depressed, he was stuck, he wasn't going. And it says, Josedek the high priest came to him, and said two things, one we well know, the other is one to me, which means so much, which isn't so well known.

In verse five, Joshua said, the high priest said to Zerubbabel, not by might, not by power, but by my spirit. Most of us know that, don't we? That's well known. Look what he went on to say.

He was this thing, apparently, in front of Joshua, Zerubbabel, this block. What art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel, now it's put in italics, it's not in the original, before Zerubbabel, a plain. But a plain, the opposite to a mountain, a plain is a flat surface.

If you see it as a mountain, it's a mountain. You say, I say it's a flat surface, and God will now roll his wagons of supply on the flat surface. You can't roll wagons of supply through mountains.

You can along plains. I say it's a plain. That's what this verse is.

In other words, what you do with a mountain, you say it isn't there, but it is there, you silly person, you are, you're crazy, don't mind, I like to be crazy, it's a crazy surface. You say, I say it isn't there, it is in appearance, but I say, I don't see things like that. God put that there for me, I'm not to see opposition, except as opportunities.

Well, you can't have an opportunity to get wagons of food through mountains. You've got to have flat plains. Therefore it isn't there.

Therefore it isn't there. A plain is there. That's why I say, you can operate without faith, without prayer.

You can say, I say it isn't there. But perhaps in a sense that's a negative area. It says, mountain's gone.

Now, if you like, you put in the next verse as a supply coming. The next verse then says, having said that about the mountain, therefore I say to you, whatever things you desire, when you pray, that's the one we usually use. We did it at that time when I was talking about it in our early days.

Believe that you receive when you should have them. Most of you know that word receive is in that queer, Greek tense, ares, it means it was received on the spot. Now, therefore you can go on, you can say, oh, I don't see a mountain, I see a flat surface.

Looks like what? I say, just a place of opportunity, a place of opportunity. God can bring you supplies in there. Well, maybe in the next verse it says what supplies are to be.

That says, the place is a condition for supplies, what looks like a barrier, I say is an opportunity. Now, then we go on, the next verse says, what supplies? Well, whatever you desire. And we began to fill that blank check up and done so 50 years, our mission's all over the world today.

Terrific! It's dangerous being too big and too established today, because it's got to be. No, the precious people, everyone loves Jesus and if it wasn't for Jesus and our mission, there wouldn't be our mission. Thank God it's too hot to hold the others.

Maybe we could do a little more of this. They know a good deal of faith, they do. A little more of what I'm talking about, that's my affair, not yours.

But, you see what I mean? You can then go on and say, okay, now then, what do we desire? What is it? We thought it out, 10 missions, then 15, then 25, and so on. And dozens and dozens of things, houses, precious souls, churches, not buildings, don't worry about them, people, all over the place we've been doing it ever since. Money, everything else.

Dozens and dozens and dozens of things. I wrote a book called After C.G. Stubbs and it was a miracle the next four or five years India and Africa, these missions went out by faith and these things happened. That's gone out of print now.

It's used to mean. So, you get this down on earth. So here, but that's, probably it comes through pressure.

It came, I didn't practice it until I had pressure. I had to practice it. And then I began to find, I found that the open sesame is a trick.

Of course the trick is how you see a thing, how you see a thing, how you see it. Faith, is how you see a thing. We all have faith, mostly negative.

We believe in mountains. All right, then you get a mountain. Faith is just believing, depending on which way you believe.

Reverse your faith, reverse your faith from the soul, your soul and reason reaction. So, no, no, this is what I'm saying, this is what I'm believing. And then, the next verse says, all right, confirm it, name it, what you, what you desire.

You name it, you name it, you name it. Tremendous, isn't it? At our disposal. When you, prayer, we make a big fuss about prayer, prayer is gentle, when we pray.

So, prayer is only the sort of clothing, the heart beat, it's a faith. Now, I'm not saying bring as in every church, I mean, there is a room for prayer meetings, you can't have faith immediately for everything, but there is a place where you, Paul mentioned people in their prayers, there is a place where you have prayer like that, as a gentle thing. But, if we understand the real heart beat of prayer, it's this.

And we've built a whole crusade on that. And that's why you understand we don't do much verbalizing prayer. Because what we're saying hopefully, we're going to say, God, I'm saying you've done that, God, I'm saying you've done that.

And we're saying that now about this new place and turn up and say this place. And about the interpreters and so on. We're saying these things now in our way, that we haven't done a great deal, because we don't go to please God, because God tells us to say what we like.

We're saying what we like. That's why we don't use prayer by the usual means. That's authoritative praying, if you call it praying.

But Paul says, Jesus says, saying, in your praying. And now, we'll be stopping there. So that's the third level.

The third level is the the detachment. God's made it so, really, accept the place and nothing you have in life, except that Jesus has repeated himself on people and all the universe is. God living again in people through eternity.

Millions of us are willing to be agents of wonder. And everything else is surrounding circumference to that. That's the preparation of the apostasy.

The apostasy is, each of us, in different ways, that's what I'm doing personally, I'll give everything I've got to that. Maybe some, just a thing at home. That's your business.

Something at your commission. Or it may be inside a larger one. Maybe, oh, I'm part of this whole business.

The part I can fulfill is just here. I told you before, like, for instance, Henrietta, lawyer's wife in Albany, launches a conference opens up a conference in Albany. You get sometimes different things people can do.

There are thousands. We aren't limited. Thousands of different ways.

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