

WHO IS THIS MAN?

REAL PRAYER, REAL POWER

Mark 11:20-26 Jeff Schreve

And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. Truly 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 shall be granted him." Mark 11:22-23

What is needed for your prayers to have the power of God?

1. Your prayers must be dependent upon God.

- A. The tendency in all of us is to depend upon self.
- B. Walking by faith means you continually look to Jesus.

2. Your prayers must be confident in God.

"Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you."

Mark 11:24

- A. God promises to answer if we believe He will answer.
But let him ask in faith without any doubting James 1:6

1. We must pray according to His will.

2. We must abide in Jesus.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you." John 15:7

- B. God promises to answer on His timetable, not ours.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:14

3. Your prayers must be right before God.

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions." Mark 11:25

- If the horizontal isn't right, the vertical will not be right.
"If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering." Matthew 5:23-24

God wants to answer our prayers if we will come His way.