

MOVING YOUR MOUNTAINS

“MOUNTAINS” ARE USED FREQUENTLY IN THE BIBLE TO REPRESENT OBSTACLES, ESPECIALLY SPIRITUAL ONES. TO REMOVE THEM WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM AND COMMAND THEM TO BE REMOVED. MOUNTAINS DO NOT “GO AWAY” IF “IGNORED,” OR “GIVEN ENOUGH TIME,” OR GONE AROUND. THE SCRIPTURE CLEARLY COMMUNICATES THAT JESUS EXPECTED US TO HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN HIM, THAT WE COULD SPEAK USING HIS NAME AND SEE THE “MOUNTAINS” REMOVED.

Jeremiah 51:25 **Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth:** and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

Zechariah 4:1-7

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

7 **Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain:** and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

Zechariah 4:7 **(The Amplified Version)**

7 For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who with Joshua had led the return of the exiles from Babylon and was undertaking the rebuilding of the temple, before him] you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it! [Ezra 4:1-5,24; Isaiah 40:4.]

Zechariah 4:7 (Young's Literal Translation)

7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain Before Zerubbabel — for a plain! And he hath brought forth the top-stone, Cries of Grace, grace — [are] to it.'

WHO (STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:4310 miy (me);
an interrogative pronoun of persons,

WHO (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # OT:4310 miy: **A pronoun meaning who, whose, whom. It is usually used interrogatively meaning who and nearly always is used of persons, not things**

THOU (STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:859 'attah (at-taw');
a primitive pronoun of the second person; thou and thee, or (plural) ye and you:
KJV - thee, thou, ye, you.

THOU (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # OT:859 °att'h: **A personal pronoun meaning you.**

PLAIN (STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:4334 miyshowr (mee-shore'); or miyshor (mee-shore'); from OT:3474; **a level, i.e. a plain (often used [with the article prefix] as a properly, name of certain districts); figuratively, concord; also straightness, i.e. (figuratively) justice (sometimes adverbially, justly):**
KJV - equity, even place, plain, right (-eously), (made) straight, uprightness.

#4334 IS DERIVED FROM #3474:

(STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:3474 yashar (yaw-shar'); a primitive root; **to be straight or even; figuratively, to be (causatively, to make) right, pleasant, prosperous:**

KJV - direct, fit, seem good (meet), please (will), be (esteem, go) right (on), bring (look, make, take the) straight (way), be upright (-ly).

PLAIN (BROWN, DRIVER, AND BRIGGS HEBREW LEXICON) = # OT:4334 miyshowr or miyshor = **level place, uprightness**

- a) **a level country, a table-land, a plain**
- b) a level place
- c) uprightness

PLAIN (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # OT:4334 miyšôr: A masculine noun meaning **plain, evenness, straightness, righteousness, equity. Evenness is the fundamental sense of this word.**

THE RESULTS OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH PROPHESED:

Isaiah 40:3-5

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 **Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:**

5 **And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.**

MY COMMENTARY: Eliminating natural mountains and valleys serves no purpose in the coming of Christ to provide salvation. Therefore, leveling the valleys and mountains has to refer to spiritual situations that need to be

SPEAKING TO YOUR MOUNTAIN:

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES ARE SIMPLE TO SPEAK, BUT DIFFICULT TO EXERCISE!

JESUS MAKES VERY CLEAR THAT THROUGH FAITH WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THESE SPIRITUAL OBSTACLES MOVE JUST BY SPEAKING TO THEM!

Mark 11:12-14

12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, **he was hungry:**

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; **for the time of figs was not yet.**

14 And **Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.**

NOTE: THIS WAS NOT THE TIME FOR FIGS. SOMETIMES JESUS COMES TO US WHEN OUR WORLD IS NOT IN ORDER AND HIS DESIRE TO RECEIVE FROM US IS NOT CONVENIENT!

Mark 11:20-26

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, **they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.**

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

23 **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

24 Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

NOTE:

DESIRE > FAITH > PRAYER > RECEIVE!

HINDRANCES TO OUR ANSWERS: DOUBT, UNFORGIVENESS

MY COMMENTARY: In this text, "speaking to the mountain" (Mark 11:23) is equated with "praying" (Mark 11:24).

SAY (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:2036 epo (ep'-o);

to speak or say (by word or writing):

KJV - answer, bid, bring word, call, command, grant, say (on), speak, tell.

SAY (THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON) = # NT:2036 epoo = to say, to speak, to tell, to call, to name, to ask, to command, etc.

SAY (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:2036 epo denotes **"to speak" (connected with eipon, "to say"); hence, among various renderings, "to bid, command,"**

SUBMISSION IS NECESSARY FOR YOUR FAITH TO WORK AGAINST YOUR MOUNTAINS:

Luke 17:5-10

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, **If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.**

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

SAY (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:3004 lego (leg'-o); a primary verb; properly, to "lay" forth, i.e. (figuratively) relate (in words [usually of systematic or set discourse; by implication, to mean:

KJV - ask, bid, boast, call, describe, give out, name, put forth, say (-ing, on), shew, speak, tell, utter.

SAY (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # NT:3004 légœ; fut. léxœ. **to say, speak, i.e., to utter definite words, connected and significant speech equal to discourse.**

SAY (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:3004 lego, primarily to pick out, gather," chiefly denotes "to say, speak, affirm," whether of actual speech.

NOTE: IF YOU WANT THAT WHICH IS UNDER YOU TO BE SUBMITTED TO YOU AND OBEY YOU, THEN YOU HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO AND OBEY THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU.

THE ROLE OF PRAYER AND FASTING:

SOMETIMES WE MUST RE-FOCUS AND RE-SUBMIT OURSELVES FOR OUR FAITH TO WORK. THE PROMISES OF GOD ALWAYS WORK. IF THEY ARE NOT WORKING, THERE IS ALWAYS A REASON!!!

Matthew 17:19-21

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

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.**

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

SAY (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:2046 ereo (er-eh'-o);

to utter, i.e. speak or say:

KJV - call, say, speak (of), tell.

#2046 IS THE FULLER FORM OF #4483:

(STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:4483 **rheo** (hreh'-o);

to utter, i.e. speak or say:

KJV - command, make, say, speak (of).

SAY (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # NT:2046 eréœ;

To say, declare

NOTE: THE PRAYER AND FASTING IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVINCING GOD. IT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING YOU — REMOVING THE UNBELIEF.

WE ARE PROMISED THAT WHATEVER WE ASK IN PRAYER BELIEVING, WE WILL RECEIVE:

Matthew 21:18-22

18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and **said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever.** And presently the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.**

22 And **all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

MY COMMENTARY: In this text, "saying to the mountain" (Matthew 21:21) is equated with "asking in prayer" (Matthew 21:22).

SAY (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:2036 epo (ep'-o);

to speak or say (by word or writing):

KJV - answer, bid, bring word, call, command, grant, say (on), speak, tell.

SAY (THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON) = # NT:2036 epoo = **to say, to speak, to tell, to call, to name, to ask, to command,** etc.

SAY (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:2036 epo denotes "to speak"; hence, "to bid, command,"

BE REMOVED (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro);
to lift up; by implication, to take up or away

PUT [BE REMOVED] (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:142 airo, "to take up, remove," is rendered "put away," of bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, railing and malice, Ephesians 4:31; in 1 Corinthians 5:2 of the divine effects of church discipline.

BE CAST (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:906 ballo (bal'-lo);
to throw (in various applications, more or less violent or intense):
KJV - arise, cast (out), dung, lay, lie, pour, put (up), send, strike, throw (down), thrust.

BE CAST (THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON) = # NT:906 ballo = to throw -- **either with force, or without force yet with a purpose, or even carelessly**

1. **with force and effort:** Mark 14:65
2. **without force and effort; to throw or let go of a thing without caring where it falls:** Matthew 27:35
3. **to move, give motion to, not with force yet with attention and for a purpose;**
eis ti, to put into, insert: Mark 7:33

BE CAST (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:906 ballo, **"to throw, hurl, in contrast to striking,"**

BE CAST (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # NT:906 bállœ;
To cast off or to bring, to carry. The verb in all its applications retains the idea of impulse. To cast, throw.

JESUS PLAINLY DECLARED TO ALL BELIEVERS THAT HE EXPECTED THEM TO BE ABLE TO DO ON EARTH EVERY WORK THAT HE DID ON EARTH:

John 14:10-14

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

13 **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

14 **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

EXERCISING AUTHORITY THROUGH SPEAKING TO YOUR “MOUNTAIN”:

THE APOSTLES SPEAKING THE WORD OF AUTHORITY:

Acts 3:1-8,12,16

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

JESUS SPEAKING THE WORD OF AUTHORITY:

Matthew 14:26-32

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And **when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.**

Mark 6:49-51

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

John 11:41-45

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. **And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.**

42 **And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.**

43 **And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.**

44 **And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin.** Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Mark 4:37-41

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 **And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.**

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Matthew 8:23-27

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? **Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.**
27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Luke 8:23-25

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish.

Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Matthew 8:2-3

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, **saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**

Mark 1:40-42

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, **and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.**

42 **And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.**

Matthew 8:6-13

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 **The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.**

9 **For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.**

10 **When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 **And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.**

Luke 7:6-11

6 Then Jesus went with them. And **when he was now not far from the house**, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof:

7 **Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.**

8 **For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.**

9 **When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

Luke 13:10-14

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 **And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

13 **And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**

Luke 17:12-20

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, **he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.**

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 **And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

Luke 18:36-19:1

36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, **he asked him,**

41 **Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.**

42 **And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.**

43 **And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.**

John 4:47-54

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 **Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.**

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 **Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend.** And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 **So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.**

54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

John 5:2-16

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 **Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

9 **And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.**

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 **He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.**

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, **and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

THE LORD “SENT HIS WORD” AND HEALED:

Psalms 107:19-21

19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 **He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**

21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

SENT (STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:7971 shalach (shaw-lakh'); to send away, for, or out (in a great variety of applications):

SENT (BROWN, DRIVER, AND BRIGGS HEBREW LEXICON) = # OT:7971 shalach — **to send, to send away, to let go, to stretch out**

SENT (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # OT:7971 shalach OT:7971, **"to send, stretch forth,**

Basically this verb means "to send," in the sense of (1) to initiate and to see that such movement occurs or (2) to successfully conclude such an action.

The most frequent use of shalach suggests the sending of someone or something as a messenger to a particular place: "...he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence" Genesis 24:7; God's angel (messenger) will be sent to Nahor to prepare things for the successful accomplishment of the servant's task. One may also "send a word" by the hand of a messenger (fool); one may send a message Proverbs 26:6, send a letter 2 Samuel 11:14, and send instructions Genesis 20:2.

SENT (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # OT:7971 shalach: A verb meaning **to send forth, to send away; to let go; to put. The word is used to describe God's sending forth or away in a providential manner or purpose; even an angel or divine messenger can be sent by God; or of commissioning someone by sending him or her, or Gideon to do a task. The Lord sends forth His prophets**

(HIS) WORD (STRONG'S HEBREW DICTIONARY) = # OT:1697 dabar (daw-baw'); from OT:1696; **a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause:**

(HIS) WORD (BROWN, DRIVER, AND BRIGGS HEBREW LEXICON) = # OT:1697 dabar = **speech, a word, speaking, a thing**
b) **a saying, an utterance**

(HIS) WORD (VINE'S EXPOSITORY GREEK DICTIONARY) = # OT:1697 dabar, "word, matter; something." This noun occurs 1,440 times.

The noun dabar refers, first, to what is said, to the actual "word" itself; whereas ^oemer is essentially oral communication (the act of speaking).

As a biblical phrase "the word of the Lord" is quite important; it occurs about 242 times. Against the background just presented it is important to note that "word" here may focus on the content (meaning) of what was said, but it also carries overtones of the actual "words" themselves. It was the "word of the Lord" that came to Abram in a vision after his victory over the kings who had captured Lot Genesis 15:1. In most cases this is a technical phrase referring expressly to prophetic revelation (about 225 times).

The "word" of God indicates God's thoughts and will. This should be contrasted with His name, which indicates His person and presence.

(HIS) WORD (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY) = # OT:1697 dabar: A masculine noun meaning word, speech, matter. Most important was the use of this word to convey divine communication. Often the word of the Lord signified the revelation given to prophets.

Psalms 147:15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

Psalms 147:19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

SPEAKING THE WORD OF AUTHORITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Numbers 20:7-11

7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, **thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.**

9 And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

Joshua 10:12-14

12 Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

Psalms 46:1-3

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Isaiah 41:14-16

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 64:1-4

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Jeremiah 51:25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

Daniel 2:34-35

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Micah 1:3-4

3 For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Nahum 1:1-15

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor.

12 Thus saith the Lord: Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Habakkuk 3:2-6

2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

Haggai 2:6-9

6 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:21-23

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 14:1-4

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Luke 3:4-6

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Revelation 16:17-21

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Job 9:2-6

2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.