

## Saying Power

*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 (Matt. 21:19)*

Jesus *said* something to the tree that caused it to wither up and die. Jesus had *saying power*. Did He only do this because He is God and we are not?

1. Jesus states with abundant clarity that we are able to do exactly as He did:

- a. Matt. 21:20-22
- b. Jesus is God and the Creator of all things. But when Jesus came to earth, He came as a man and did not operate with any God-like advantage that we lack.
- c. Jesus says in the passage above that we are able to do the exact same thing He did if we would apply one simple element – faith in God.

2. When to pray and when to SAY

- a. In Matt. 21 we also learn that Jesus offered no prayer to God the Father. He spoke directly to the obstructive object.
- b. God once rebuked Moses for praying when he should have been exercising his God given authority – Exodus 14:13-16
- c. Joshua learned this truth – Joshua 10:12-13
- d. David Learned this truth – 1 Sam. 17:45-50

3. Learning to speak in line with God's Word.

- a. We must learn to say things that line up with God's promises.
- b. ***Because you have said, I am in the hands of the Lord, the Most High is my safe resting-place; No evil will come on you, and **no disease will come near your tent**. For he will give***

*you into the care of his angels to keep you wherever you go. In their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone. **You will put your foot on the lion and the snake; the young lion and the great snake will be crushed under your feet*** (Psalm 91:9-13; Bible in Basic English)