

[The Threshing Floor Separation – Part 3](#)

I'm feeling well rested after my week of abstaining from any kind of exposure to what's going on, on the world scene. I want to share with you part three of The Threshing Floor Separation. We have spoken principally about barley and wheat being threshed. However, there are other crops that are taken to the threshing floor, as we read about in Isaiah 28 27.

'For Dill is not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cumin, but dill is beaten with a staff and cumin with a rod'.

So, we find that two different herbs are mentioned that are also separated from the rest of the plant with the staff and with a rod, and it is done at the threshing floor. A couple of weeks ago, I pulled up my mustard seed plant, which had grown very big and unruly, and I had left it to do its thing because I wanted to harvest the mustard seeds. And it took quite a long time for the seeds to be fully formed in their long, thin casings. Then I called up the whole plant and I hung it on a nail in my shed to dry. And then after quite some time in that warm, dry shed, the whole plant was dry. And I could go through the process of getting the mustard seed out of the pods - and it was quite a process!

Firstly, I did not look up on the internet how to harvest mustard seed, I just used my common sense. I cut off all the mustard seed pods and put them in a large plastic bag, which I sealed, and then I roughly handled the mustard pods. I bent them, twisted them, I rolled my rolling pin over the packet with the mustard seed pods in. Bit by bit, those pods broke open and the mustard seeds, which were very small, came out and collected in the bottom of the packet. And then I could sift out all the dry seed pod husks and stalks and was left with the mustard seeds.

And while I was doing this, the Holy Spirit reminded me that Jesus has spoken about mustard seeds. And He did this in Matthew, 17, this 20, where the disciples had come to him and said, "Lord, increase our faith"... As if it was something He had to do, and He said to them, "If you had faith as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, move and be cast into the sea and it would happen. And nothing would be impossible to you". So, we see that Jesus likens faith to a mustard seed. And obviously, if an Apple seed comes from an Apple tree, a mustard seed comes from a mustard plant - and a faith seed comes from a faith plant. But as you can gather from my efforts to harvest my mustard, there was quite a process in getting mustard seed faith.

And it wasn't necessary to have the whole plant in order to be able to have the faith as small as a mustard seed. In fact, the rest of the plant was not required. I had picked the small leaves and used them in salads where they had quite a nice mustard taste. But at the time of harvest and of taking to the threshing floor to obtain the mustard seeds, the rest of the plant was unnecessary.

There's really no other way to obtain mustard seeds, other than to pull up the plant, hang it out to dry, handle it roughly to separate the seeds from the chaff - and you end up with a very large quantity of chaff and very few seeds. In fact, it's actually ridiculous how few seeds there are from a whole mustard plant. And the Lord began to speak to me about how He is in the process of threshing the plant of our faith. And the first part of the process is being hung out to dry...

Now the phrase 'hung out to dry' is an idiom which means to abandon somebody who needs help, who feels vulnerable or who is in a dangerous situation. So, beloved, what the Holy Spirit was saying to me is that part of the process of separating out mustard seed faith is to put His remnant through a season or a process where they feel uprooted and they feel they have been hung out to dry or abandoned by the Lord and left to face the music alone - where they feel very vulnerable and it's a very dangerous situation. Now we all know the kind of situation that believers on the whole or headed into in this time of tribulation. And the Lord is just wanting to reassure us that feeling hung out to dry and feeling unrooted and moved from your place of planting and feeling that the Lord has left you alone and that He's not hearing your cries is part of the process of bringing you to the place of having mustard seed faith.

Now, remember in Isaiah, 28:27, it said that a rod and a staff were used to thresh out the herbs of dill and cumin. And Matthew 13:2 tells us that mustard is the largest of the herbs. So where else do we hear about a staff and a rod being mentioned? Isn't it in Psalm 23, where it says, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me'. So, the rod and the staff are doing the work of the threshing of our faith as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. And it's important to realize that the very large plant (spiritually speaking) of our faith is not necessary to produce impossible miracles. Faith like a minute mustard seed is what is required.

So the Lord is putting us through a process of removing and separating mustard seed faith from the chaff and the stalks and the leaves of our faith. And that involves being handled roughly, being shaken and being buffeted about. And then what is left - the remnant portion of the mustard plant, is mountain moving faith. Before, it was a big leafy plant with flowers, beautiful yellow flowers. And this is, I imagine, like a Believer who makes a lot of faith statements, sounds full of faith, has plenty to say, declaring that God is going to come through for them and everything is going to be wonderful and God is going to prosper them. But after the harvesting and after being hung out to dry and being buffeted about and handled roughly with the rod and the staff; after the drying and the threshing process, there are just a few grains of faith that remain.

Beloved, the Lord is getting rid of the chaff of our faith because it is actually without life. It's actually the soulish part of our faith; where one makes big, bold, charismatic sounding statements about what's going to be happening in your life or in the kingdom, but it is without the substance of life. Remember, it is the seed that carries the life, the chaff and the stalks (I've spoken about it when I spoke about part one and two of the threshing floor), and the leaves of the harvest do not have the ability to impart life. Only the seed carries the DNA and carries resurrection power. So, the Lord is wanting to get rid of the areas of our faith that cannot impart life; that contain no resurrection power. Only mustard seed faith has resurrection power and the spirit of might operating within it.

In Jude 1, it's very interesting and I'm going to quote it to you from the Literal Version:

Jude 1:18 ' they told you that at the last time there would be mockers following ungodliness according to their lusts. These are they setting themselves apart; animal like ones, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God eagerly awaiting the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life'.

So, it's speaking about a separation from those who are animal-like, who do not have the Spirit. And many, many grand-sounding statements have been made which are actually soulish statements of faith. They don't have the Spirit – they do not originate from the Holy Spirit, but Jude is encouraging us to build ourselves up or embolden ourselves, (The root of that word 'build up' means to make bold) in our most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. Now, I found

that really interesting that he spoke about your 'most holy faith'. Because it reminded me of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies or the Most Holy Place. Also, I thought of the verse in Revelation 22, where it says 'let the holy become even more holy'. So, I looked up the word that was translated 'most holy' faith, and it means 'sacred and set apart to God'. So, your most holy faith is faith in the supernatural power of God alone, it's not faith in faith; not faith in anything else or anyone else to save you or come through for you. Mustard seed faith is faith for the absolute impossible – it's faith in the God Who says 'Is anything too hard for Me?'. And while the spirit of God is threshing the mustard plant of our faith and removing all that is soulish; all that is without Spiritual life, all that is without resurrection power, He's getting rid of that which has really no substance to reproduce, and He's separating out our most holy faith. And it gives us a key here that the way to embolden and empower ourselves up and build ourselves up by praying in the Holy Spirit.

So, beloved, we have already started this process of the threshing of our faith, because I don't know about you, but I have found that there's not as much that can be said with conviction compared to the volume that was spouted forth in the past concerning faith and the Kingdom. One has to return to being anchored in what is absolute truth and get rid of all the fluff, all the froth; get rid of all that which is soulish in our faith and our belief systems, in our relationship with Jesus. And in the end, we will have that precious mustard seed faith.

Luke, 17:6 speaks about this mustard seed faith and doesn't speak about a mountain being moved and cast into the sea. He speaks about a tree being pulled up. But the same thing is implied - it's something that's humanly impossible – to move something huge with the words of your mouth. If you have faith like a mustard seed, you can release a sound and a decree from your mouth - it's not done from a place of human effort, sweat and fleshly behavior. It's a supernatural arena that you're entering into, where you using the frequency of your mouth to activate and move and trigger the utterly impossible in the natural realm. You are operating by harnessing yourself to heaven and decreeing what God gives you to decree and triggering the breakout of utterly supernatural things in the Earth. Do you know that many people have said that in the time of the tribulation, the glory of the Lord is going to be poured out in the midst of the remnant, and there are going to be amazing miracles, both of provision and of healing; limbs growing out. The dead are going to be resurrected - all the kind of things that we've longed to

see with our eyes in this earthly realm. But in order for that to begin to break out, the mustard plant of our faith is having to be threshed. We're going to have to go through a shaking of everything that can be shaken, until the unnecessary parts of the mustard plant of our faith are separated out and we are left with a small amount - and that's all you need; a very small seed of words to decree under heaven's command. You see, the Army of God is going to be lined up before the Lion of Judah, our Commanding Officer, and He utters His voice before His army and when He utters his voice, He's imparting commands and decrees for us to carry out. But we're going to be operating in a ministry of rest, because we've stopped fleshly labours and entered into Sabbath rest.

Jesus did most of his utterly impossible miracles on the Sabbath Day, in impossible circumstances, surrounded by His enemies; the Pharisees, and yet He was able to unleash the supernatural Spirit of Might in the earth, with mustard seed faith. How? Because He only said what He heard his Father say, and He only did what He saw His Father doing. And so, all the leaves and the stalks of what has grown our faith has to go - that's sometimes things we've heard other people say, sometimes things we've thought of ourselves, but they are not necessarily commands and words from the mouth of God. When we get to the end of the threshing of our faith, we are left with mustard seed faith and the utterly impossible will be breaking out in our midst. Hallelujah.

So, don't be discouraged that you're feeling you've been hung out to dry, that you're feeling God has abandoned you or doesn't answer you, that you feeling vulnerable and left to face things on your own. That is all part of bringing you to the place of becoming partners with heaven in the impossible breaking out in the earth and all glory will go to God the Father, because we will know that it's nothing we said or did that accomplished it, but it was the simple releasing of the sound we heard within our spirit of the words of God that needed to be unleashed in the earth. WE won't need long prayers or flourishing sermons, just a word or two empowered and backed by the authority of heaven and miracles will manifest. Even so, complete the removal of the chaff of our faith, Father. We are comforted by the action of Your rod and staff. Amen.