

WHEN FACING LIFE'S MOUNTAINS
ZECHARIAH 4:6-7 / 1-27-19 / PM

I. FIRST, WE NEED DIVINE POWER TO MOVE MOUNTAINS.

A. This is what Zechariah told Zerubbabel—4:6.

1. This principle of divine power is stated negatively twice.

- a. **“Not by might”**—The Hebrew word means “strength”. The image is of a military army.
- b. **“Nor by power”**—The Hebrew word refers to human strength or energy. The image is of a group of laborers.
- c. Taken together the terms **“might”** and **“power”** remind us of the human, but futile effort expended on the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11).

2. This principle is also stated positively.

- a. **“But by my Spirit”** introduces the idea of what man cannot do, God can.
- b. Zerubbabel forgot this and we do too.

B. Who is the source of this diving power to move mountains?

1. Zechariah says it's **“the Lord Almighty”**.

2. This is a military term.

3. **“Almighty”** means without limitations or boundaries.

4. The Spirit of God is powerfully seen throughout the O.T.

a. In Creation —Gen. 1:2.

b. In restoring life to dry bones —Ez. 37:1.

C. Whatever obstacles or mountains you face, God's divine power can move them—Jer. 32:27.

II. SECOND, MOUNTAINS AND OBSTACLES COME IN ALL SIZES AND SHAPES .

- A. What was Zerubbabel's mountain?—4:7a.
1. Literally it refers to clearing the rubble left from the destruction of the first Temple.
 2. Metaphorically it refers to anything that kept Zerubbabel from rebuilding the Temple...
 - a. The people's preoccupation with building their own homes.
 - b. The lack of man power.
 - c. The lack of funds .
- B. God's promise to Zerubbabel was that God, not Zerubbabel would move that mountain—4:7b.
- C. What is your obstacle or mountain? —Isa. 40:4.