

Come up Higher – “Move the Mountain”

Isaiah 41:10, 13 (NKJV) 10 Fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you. **I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.** 13 **For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’**

2 Cor 10:3(NKJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

2 Cor 10:4(NKJV) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.

1. What is the Weapon? - Mouth

Leading on from **Isaiah 41:10 & 13**

Isaiah 41:14-15 (NKJV) “Fear not, **you worm Jacob, you men of Israel!** I will help you,” says the Lord and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. “Behold, I will make you into a **new threshing sledge with sharp teeth**. You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small and make the hills like chaff.

God our Creator can take a weak toothless worm and make it have sharp with teeth! God can do that!

A new sharp threshing sledge with Sharp teeth

To better understand this language of what God is doing by transforming the weak worm into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth **we need to understand the farming techniques of the day.**

The threshing floors in Bible times were often outdoor stone floors, usually circular in fashion, used by farmers to process the grain of their crops. The heavy sledge was made to pass over a large pile of sheaves, and to bruise out the grain, and separate the chaff, so that the wind would drive it away. The sledge would be pulled by oxen or another animal. A man, with perhaps some other men for extra weight would be placed on top of the sledge to make it more efficient. By this operation, the pure grain would be separated.

The threshing sledge was made of wood with sharp stones placed in the bottom. The sledge was pulled like a revolving instrument with sharp teeth, crushing the grain.

The commentaries tell us **The instrument to which Israel is likened is “new” and “many-toothed” (lit. “possessor of mouths” i.e., edges)**



What does this look like for us?

- We are to be transformed by God from weak, to being effective in the spiritual realm
- We are to be a *new threshing sledge with sharp teeth*
- **Threshing Sledge – Sharp Teeth - Hebrew – Strong's H6374: Meaning – Two-edged**

We've been given a Two-edged sword

- The two-edged sword we've been given is the word of God **Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)**
- Word of God - is God Breathed. It's a Spirit Sword / pneuma – “Bible, verse and chapter”
- It's part of our spiritual armour
- **We have to take the sword and wield it...from where?? – mouth** **Revelation 1:16**
- **Two-Edged Sword – very powerful and effective when spoken** **Hebrews 4:12 (ampc & msg)**
- **To shift us from weak to strong** -You have to get your mouth involved. **But it's not working/striving that achieves the answer.** It is the power of the word that is working cutting through everything

2. What is the Weapon? Resist – Stand Strong

Threshing Sledge

Two oxen are yoked to a sledge, a driver gets upon it, sometimes other men for extra weight would be placed on top of the sledge to make it more efficient. The oxen pull the sledge backward and forward over the sheaves. By this operation, the pure grain separated. **This mode of threshing out the grain is tedious, inconvenient; some research suggests just two parcels or layers of corn are threshed out in a day; and they move each of them as many as eight times.**

The driver and his work mates are merely standing/resisting with the sharp cutting sledge beneath them. The oxen are doing the pulling, the sharp teeth doing the cutting work.

a. Identify the attack

It's coming from this world's realm.

Ephesians 6:12

b. Capture & Replace - Word of God out of our mouths

YOU SILENCE EVERY VOICE *Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)* You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you.

YOU DECLARE *Job 22:26-28 NKJV.* You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.

c. Resist - Stand Strong

Keep believing, keep speaking, keep standing – for how long? For as long as it takes...

Get a friend to speak the same word – create extra weight - your sharp two-edged sword coming out of two mouths is even better than one.

During the standing....the tedious time, inconvenient time, repeating morning and night - *Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night...*

This Word will be sharp and it will.....

Isaiah 41:15 (NKJV).....You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small and make the hills like chaff.

3. We have a choice – to beat those mountains or live with them looming over us. Genesis 11:26-28, 31-32

- Haran, Terah's son died before his before him. (hard/disappointing as a parent). Haran's name means **mountaineer** – I wonder if Terah called him that because he had great aspirations for his son, believing he would conqueror.
- Terah started a journey to the promised land but stopped at "Haran" (same name as His son) – the place name means **Mountain = H2039**
- **Terah's name meaning is delay or station** / it looks like he got caught behind a mountain, a mountain perhaps of his son "Haran's" death. – perhaps he felt it was too hard to deal with.
- **Terah never reached the Land of Canaan, he became delayed or stationed at the mountain, settled for over a 100 years and died at the mountain.**

Look at God's instruction, the very next chapter after Terah's death

Genesis 12:1, 5 NKJV Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house To a land that I will show you.go to the land of Canaan. So, they came to the land of Canaan.

We have a choice to stay stuck at the base of the mountain like Terah and die never living in what God has bought and paid for us to have – our inheritance.

- Being defeated...
- **Or we can determine in our hearts to be transformed from a weak worm and take up our swords – the Word of God and put them in our mouths**
- **Resist - Stand our Ground** – no matter how tedious, inconvenient it becomes. Standing watching as the mountains are beaten into flat plains and the hills are being dissolved

Conclusion

God is calling us the same way He called Abram all those years ago, saying, **Get out of "Haran", let me take you to a land I will show you – a promised land. "Come up Higher"**

Become

Isaiah 41:15 (NKJV) "Behold, I will make you into a **new threshing sledge with sharp teeth.** You shall **thresh the mountains and beat them small and make the hills like chaff.**

*Destroy the spiritual spiders / the mountains and hills of impossibility
Resist Stand Strong with the voice of the word*

Question:

What Word from God's Word are you going to put in your mouth speak and stand your ground on...

Jesus said....

Matthew 17:20 (NKJV) I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will **say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.**