

Moving Mountains

Matthew #138

Matthew 21:18-22

When a fig tree in Israel first gives forth its leaves, edible knobs or nodules appear. These are the paggim, so-called “green figs,” they are very tiny flowers covered with a soft skin.

The tree was professing to have something it did not have.

Two applications: First, Israel had no fruit - because of the people’s rejection of the Messiah, and by adhering to Pharisaic Judaism, they professed righteousness based on a reality they simply did not have

Secondly: the Bible often speaks about a dead faith, an empty faith, a hypocritical faith, a professed faith that is empty and useless.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

The Jews used to call their greatest teachers “removers of mountains.”

James 4:2-3

James 1:2-3 and 5-6

Psalms 103:2-3