

"where does the 'if' lie"
Today Bro. Massey told us he was
praying for a miracle. We told
him that we were to

And father, I don't know about you
but I'm asking God to do what man
says is impossible.

Note of David "Asking" ~~not~~
Demanding

You see, I have no right to demand,
but it's my privilege as a child
of God, to Ask.

Now, As I Ask, I need to remember
that God knows all things -

The Miracles I ask, must
be left in God's hands -

I've been told this is a cog
ent // I don't believe it is -

In Mark 9, Verse 23 there is
a message for us.

listen to the Verse — (Read it)

Now Go back to Verse 22 And Lets
find out where the "If" lies —

Here the father of the child who is
possessed, tells Jesus the case and
history of the child —

The disciples had already tried to cast
the demons out // But were unsuccessful
And Jesus has rebuked the
disciples — He implied that
their lack of faith had kept
the disciples powerless —

From early childhood this condition
had prevailed — at times it seemed
worse than other —

Then the father of the child said
some thing we often over look —
What was it?

"If you can do any thing // have
Compassion on us"

2) Another translation puts it like this:
"Have mercy on us, and do
something "If" you can —"

Now folks there is where the problem
lies most often —
"If you can"

Now we may not voice our doubt / we
may not even appear to doubt, but
remember — "The "If" does not
lie at the feet of Jesus // but
at our feet

There is no "If" where the ability of
Jesus is concerned —
There is no "If" where the power
of God is concerned —

The "If" is where our belief is
concerned — we must not only believe
in Jesus — but that Jesus will —

Turn back to Matthew 9: 28 & 29
Here we find Jesus in the
presence of 2 blind men
Crying out for mercy —

And trusting to them, Jesus asked:

"Do you believe I can make you see" Or do you believe I have the power to do what you ask —

They replied "Yes Lord" "Yes Lord"

They did not say "I think so"
They did not say "Very possibly so"

They said "Yes" And the Bible says:
"According to your faith be it up to you" Or "Because of your faith it will happen"

Had these men said "Maybe" they would very likely had died blind —

"Unbelief" hampers Miracles of God —
"He ~~has~~ And some times does, overcome unbelief" If He chooses —

But He Always Rewards Faith or Believing —

3/ Here's what Jesus said:

Mark 11:23 "For I say unto you, whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be cast into the sea, and shall doubt not in his heart but shall believe it shall be done."

Now folks, where does the "if" lie? Not with God // but with us —

The disciples could not cast out the evil spirits because of their "unbelief" according to Mark 9:19.

Until the father believed, the child was not healed.

The question was not, "Can Jesus heal?" but "Do you believe?"

Only when we truly believe in the omnipotence of Jesus — is the omnipotent to us — the Bible says: "All things are possible to Him that believeth" Mark 9:23

Oh folks, we need to pray about our
unbelief — Answer —
The "if" lies in us, not
in Jesus —

Someone might say: maybe it's not
God's will to do them & so —
maybe so —

But I believe this: "Anyone who"
is in touch with God, will
pray as they should —

I wish I always prayed, or I should
I wish I could honestly say
each time I prayed I knew
God would answer my petition
as I prayed it —

Folks, someday, God answers every
prayer we pray —

I'm afraid our problem is this,
"We ask for a miracle, but
do not believe it will come
to pass with all our hearts"

4) Behave as if you have you ever
prayed "Oh God this one needs
healing // God please heal them"
And on your leaving, comment
on how together the situation
looks — Don't answer alone

The Father believed Jesus was a healer /
That's why he brought the Son to
himself. But until he believed
without question that Jesus could
do the work and would do the
healing. It was not done —

But note the very last part of
Mark 9:24

"Help thou mine unbelief"
Perhaps he was saying: "Lord, I
do believe, I do have faith,
Help me have more"

Or perhaps, "Lord, don't even allow
me to doubt again"

The man saw the big "If" in his
corner — Not in God's corner

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Here's the place you & I need to
come to — Acknowledge Our
Shortcomings Our Unbelief

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a lost person must acknowledge
that he or she is lost Not
because the Blood won't
cleanse but because they
B don't believe completely that
it will —

I
we do not see the miracle we
ask for, Not because it's a
problem with God being able,
but because of unbelief.

F
I need to pray: Lord, help my
unbelief"
"Lord, strengthen me where
I'm weakest"

I Am Not Judging, but would have
to think that could be the need
of each of us —
Let's pray about it —