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Dear brother Lemmens,

I appreciated your talks so much at the Williamstown workshop this year. Your emphasis on restoring fervent, believing prayer to our Christian lives is long overdue. I am not clear however to the extent that the Lord meant his statements for us. Could you help me?

I have understood the Lord's statements in Mt. 21:21,22; Mk. 11:22-26; Jn. 14:13-14 as promises to the apostles particularly ("ask anything in my name, and I will do it", "all things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive", their power to cast a mountain into the sea, etc.). I understand the requisites of a prayer must be by faith and according to God's will, but:

1. Do you apply these promises to us today, and if so,
2. What is the difference between such application of these verses and what the Pentecostals have been saying all along, that we have such power today?

I don't mean to criticize your position as you used these verses, nor take your valuable time, but perhaps a quick written note to me might help to clear up this question in my mind, and I'll study the matter further. I might add that your talk has caused us here at LaGrange to begin a Saturday evening prayer session.

Thanks so much, in advance, for your reply. (That's faith, isn't it? Ha!)

In Christian love,