

A Double Portion Luke 1:16, 17

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

He Forsook All To Follow

1 Ki 19:19, 20 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

Justification was when the robe was laid on him but was not his own yet.

A Cheerful Servant

2 Ki 3:11 "Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah." Gilgal= rolled away

Mat 20:26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant."

He Followed Persistently

2 Ki 2:4 Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" 3 times like Jesus and Peter

Ruth 1:16, 17 ...For wherever you go, I will go; ...

The Powerful Robe

2 Ki 2:8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

What made it possible to cross and not get muddy or dirty? His Mantle.

Ask Big

2 Ki 2:9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

The firstborn was to receive a double portion of all that he had. **Deu 21:17**

1 Sam 1:5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah,

2 Ki 2:10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing..."

God wants us to ask hard, big things. **Trucker asked for sign.**

The 5 foolish virgins did not have enough oil.

Ask for The Best

Jennie with three men on Island. Box of chocolates

John 16:24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

If we don't have the Holy Spirit is because we are not asking.

Zec 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone. We must ask.

1 Ki 3:5 The LORD said to Solomon... "Ask! What shall I give you?"

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Holy Spirit- You get as much milk as you milk for.

John 16:24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

If You See Me

2 Ki 2:10...Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

If we see Jesus lifted up we will be drawn to Him. If we know He's there for us.

2 Ki 2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, As the disciples talked with Jesus in Acts that the fire came As we talk walk and talk with Jesus we too will see the Fire!

2 Ki 2:12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more.

Blessed are those who believe without seeing.

Changing Robes

2 Ki 2:12...he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. Our clothing is like filthy rags.

Mark 10:50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

2 Ki 2:13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

We must tear our own and take up His.

Acts 1:8, 9 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Right after Jesus ascended to heaven he gave His Spirit to His disciples.

2 Ki 2:13 *He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.*

2 Ki 2:15 *Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.*

Just like Jesus. Elijah left his spirit behind and his righteousness to transform Elisha into his likeness. The Sons of the Prophets could see the transformation.

He went into Jordan with his own robe but he came out holding Elijah's.

It not a question of how much of the HS do we have but rather how much of us does the HS have?

Acts 2:38, 39 *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."*

The theme of Peter's sermon was, how to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:16-18 *"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

Mat 3:16 *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

When he went in to the Jordan he was with Elijah when he came out he had the Spirit and Mantle of Elijah. The Jordan represents death We must be crucified with Jesus to receive His righteousness and Spirit.

He had a new work from apprentice to prophet

Elisha did twice as many miracles.

John 14:12 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

Elijah was baptized in water then fire then he went to heaven. **John 3:5**

Elijah went to heaven in a miraculous way like Jesus and like Jesus he left his Spirit and righteousness behind. Elisha became like Elijah by following so closely. It was not so much a momentary miracle as a process.

Our Greatest Need

A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. YRP 283.1

A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the Word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect. Guided by the teachings of God's Word, with the manifestation of His Spirit, in the exercise of sound discretion, those who attend our meetings will gain a precious experience, and returning home will be prepared to exert a healthful influence. {YRP 283.2}