

FALL UPON ME

The Spiritual Legacy of Elisha and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

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Chapter 1 Introduction The Significance of the Mantle

The request, "Let thy mantle fall upon me," encapsulates Elisha's deep desire to inherit the prophetic mantle of Elijah. This mantle symbolizes not just a physical garment but a profound spiritual calling, authority, and divine empowerment that Elisha yearns to receive. Throughout the biblical narrative, we observe how the mantle signifies a profound connection to God's mission and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 2 Elisha's Journey of Faithfulness and Commitment

In 2 Kings 2:1-14, we witness Elisha's unwavering commitment to Elijah. Serving as Elijah's armor-bearer, he exhibits loyalty and dedication, essential traits for anyone pursuing a divine calling. His acts of service, from washing Elijah's hands to refusing to leave his side, highlight a humble yet fervent desire to learn and grow.

Elisha's decisive act of burning his plow, killing the oxen, and bidding farewell to his family signifies a complete commitment to the prophetic call. This act illustrates a powerful biblical principle: true followers of God often must sever ties with their past to fully embrace their divine purpose.

Chapter 3 The Mantle and the Birthright of Sonship

The mantle traditionally represented the birthright of the firstborn son, embodying a spiritual inheritance that included authority and blessing. For Elisha, this inheritance was more than a title; it was an anointing for the prophetic ministry. Initially, Elisha may not have fully grasped the weight of this birthright, which encompassed not only leadership but also a deep, intimate relationship with God.

This idea parallels the New Testament understanding of sonship. In Romans 8:15-17, believers are reminded that through Christ, they have received the Spirit of adoption with the evidence speaking in tongues, which enables them to cry out to God as their Father.

This spiritual birthright, sealed through the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, confirms their identity as God's children and heirs, much like Elisha's receipt of the mantle signifies his prophetic calling.

Chapter 4 The Mantle as Empowerment for Ministry

When Elijah threw his mantle over Elisha in 1 Kings 19:19, it marked the beginning of Elisha's prophetic ministry. This act was not just symbolic; it was a transfer of spiritual authority and anointing. Elijah's mantle became a tangible representation of the power of the Holy Ghost that Elisha would carry forward.

This theme resonates with the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 disciples (Acts 2:1-4). Just as Elijah's mantle empowered Elisha, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues equipped the early church for their mission. Jesus himself had promised this empowerment in Luke 24:49, emphasizing that the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues would enable them to fulfill the Great Commission.

Chapter 5 The Spiritual Significance and Legacy of the Mantle

The mantle has been a subject of study among Jewish sages and Christian theologians alike. It's implications extend beyond mere prophetic authority; it represents the weight of responsibility that accompanies divine calling. The Puritans emphasized the need for believers to understand the anointing over their lives and to engage actively in their spiritual walk.

Elisha's experience can be seen as a model for Apostolic Pentecostal modern believers. The mantle signifies not only the anointing of the Holy Spirit with the evidence for biblical sign of the sonship for Salvation but also the authority and mission believers receive to carry out God's work on Earth. It serves as a reminder that every follower of Christ is called to participate in the divine narrative, empowered by the same Spirit that rested upon the prophets.

Conclusion A Call to Seek the Mantle

"Let thy mantle fall upon me" is a cry that resonates with anyone longing for empowerment, spiritual authority, and a deeper relationship with God. The narrative of Elisha invites us to examine our own commitment to serving God and embracing our divine calling.

As we delve into the symbolism of the mantle and its significance in the life of Elisha, let us also seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues in our own journey. May we embrace our identity as children of God, with the Holy Spirit is our guide, and endeavor to fulfill the call upon our lives, continuing the legacy of faith exemplified by Elisha, thus allowing the mantle of God's grace and authority to fall upon us.

Read and Obey Acts 2:38