

THE PROPHETS MANTLE 2 Kings 2:1-15

We speak in reference to The Flaming prophet Elijah today. The Prophet who had much in common with christ and also Moses. Both Moses & E were to meet with X on the Mt. of Transfiguration

Both Received visions of God on Mt. Horeb

Both were sent to Kings- M to Pharaoh; E to Ahab

Both revenged Idolatries with sword-M worship of Golden calf;

E worshipers of Baal

Both Divided waters- M-Red sea; E - Jordan

Both translated- M- Body Hid; E Taken up to Heaven

Both prepared table- M, Quail & Manna; E Meal & oil

Both left great positions to successors-M to Joshua, E*To E

I. CLOSING HOURS OF A GREAT LIFE v.1-6

Sam had founded the 1st school of the prophets- Spurgeon
Elijah knew of his departure--

I must make this last day count- Visit 3 schools of prophet
Did not spare himself--

Must have a final word with the young preacher of tomorrow.

II. DEPARTURE OF A GREAT LIFE

I. Great friend at his side- V 6

Elijah had dropped the old Mantle to be clothed with Imortality....

Elisha had picked up the mantle not a sacred relic to be placed on the wall, or in a closet to collect dust etc. But to be worn-- He love that old mantle--

One day he was in the field plowing and the prophet Elijah passed by, cast the mantle upon Him.. And immediately he left all to follow Elijah and minister-Blessed call to the ministry-- 1 Kings 19:19

That Mantle was to be used-- Oh today Mother, or father is taken up by chariots of God they drop a mantle God's word may we gather it up an use it rather then honor it as sacred relie..

Wonderful Elijah did not die at all but was transplanted yonder in heaven--- We die like we live--
In one moment Elijah was in Heaven..

Whitefield was ask- what would you do if this were your last day on earth? I would follow my regular program, go out an preach 2 Or 3 times-and then go up to my room-and commend my soul to God.....
What would you do? Be right with God.

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Loved each other-- common task--work--aim

David and Jonathan----- Paul and Timothy

2. Cross Jordan v. 8

A. Smote the water with Mantle--

rolled like a staff-----

Like rod of Moses Ex. 14:16

3. Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken" v. 9

Importance of helping people today--

Our power to Bless Others is limited by our Lives--Before I be taken away"

Elijah can not pledge anything after death---can only bless while alive in the world...

Flowers you place on my grave will not help me--or like wise you.. what we do for each other must be done now.

If we are to bless the next generation, we must be at work today

Dearest friends must part-- I am about to be taken-- how often 2 have gone down to Jordan- & one return alone/

4. ELISHA makes his request..v. 9

What will he ask for??

Double portion of you spirit---Did not mean I want to be a greater preacher then you, did not mean I desire to do more miracles... here's what I believe it means: I think he had in mind portion left to the first born son in the families of Israel- The first born son of every family was to receive a double portion of the fathers possession as the others. Request simply meant let me be heir to the prophetic office & a portion of you gifts & spirit. We will say more about this

5. Elijah departs.. v. 11-12

Older man taken up in chariot--- E was busy at his task when taken, happy is the man when the master come find his doing the task-----

Elisha said Father, My, Father the C of Israel--the best defense Israel ever had- he saw the true source of Israel's Power-----

III. THE SPIRIT OF A GREAT LIFE v. 13-15

1. Like Elisha we are called to a new work, or new experience-- Takes up the prophets Mantle.

2. Deep Faith in God--- Trusted God- God was real

3. Absolute Obedience to God.

When God gave a command to Elisha, to go he went--- Ahab-Naboth --, Hast thou found me oh my enemy?--He was his best friend, told him that reap what you sow, Preacher your best friend--tells of sin-- no one else does..

Carmel--did not question God there---

Men question God today-- Horace Bushnell--Yale teacher against God, Rel- Revival- Preacher went to--If the things I preach are true you better give attention to.. H.B. Said if they be true I have missed the way.. But I have no way of finding the truth- Yes you can through the darkness--but I do not know there is a God- You call on the basis that there is a God, and say if there be a God I want light and then follow what you receive.. 3 days later H.B. stood on the rostrum of old Yale chapel said men I have been in darkness, I have come to the light, Jesus is my personal saviour.. Men if you will pay the price you can know God-----

4. Elisha took the prophets mantle and stood on Jordan bank-- Does not ask for Elisha--v. 14

Where is the Lord God of Elijah?? It is God we must have We have lost Elijah but still have Elijahs God. Elijahs source of strength is still ours. A God who offered directly to E God