

## Days of Elijah pt9 – Three Ways to Overcome Using the Mantle

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[2Ki 2:1-8 NASB95] 1 And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 Then the sons of the prophets who [were at] Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still." 4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the prophets who [were] at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still." 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite [them] at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

- When you use the purpose of God in your life combined with the power of the Holy Spirit, you will overcome anything.
- What was the mantle?
  - "The cloak, that outward sign of the prophet's office, became the vehicle of the Spirit's power which works unseen, and with which the prophet was inspired." K&D OT Commentary
  - Two things: 1. His calling (office, purpose); 2. The power of the Holy Spirit on him (the anointing).
- He used the symbol of his calling and the anointing to counter the obstacle.
  - He rolled it up tight. (LEH Sept. Lexi. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)
  - Stuck the water.
  - The water parted. "This was a most astonishing miracle and could be performed only by the almighty power of God." Adam Clark

**How can we overcome obstacles with our mantle?**

**Here are three ways we can overcome obstacles with our mantle.**

### **I. Stay focused on the purpose and anointing in your life.**

- a. Elijah carried his mantle. He rolled it up tight.
- b. Discover the call of God.
  - i. Know that you have a calling.
  - ii. [Rom 12:6-8 NASB95] 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, [each of us is to exercise them accordingly:] if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
  - iii. [1Co 12:28 NASB95] 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, [various] kinds of tongues.
- c. Daily spend time in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

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- i. [2Co 1:21-22 NASB95] 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave [us] the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.
- ii. [1Jo 2:20, 27 NASB95] 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ... 27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.
- iii. [Psa 23:5 NASB95] 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- iv. Become a keeper of the anointing: [1Ch 27:28 NASB95] 28 Baal-hanan the Gederite had charge of the olive and sycamore trees in the Shephelah; and Joash had charge of the stores of oil.

### II. Use the purpose and the anointing in your life.

- a. Elijah hit the water (an obstacle) with the mantle. Similar to Moses' rod and Joshua using the Ark.
- b. Walk in the grace and stay in the place of your purpose.
  - i. [1Pe 4:10-11 NASB95] 10 As each one has received a [special] gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, [is to do so] as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves [is to do so] as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
  - ii. It might look like someone else (here, when Elisha does the same thing) or different as in Saul and David (armor).
  - iii. Walk in what God has for you. Bevere: Accountant John vs Pastor John
- c. Release the anointing of God in prayer and other spiritual applications.
  - i. [Isa 10:27 NASB95] 27 So it will be in that day, that his burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of fatness.
  - ii. [Exo 30:25 NASB95] 25 "You shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil.
  - iii. [Lev 14:14-17 NASB95] 14 "The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put [it] on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. 15 "The priest shall also take some of the log of oil, and pour [it] into his left palm; 16 the priest shall then dip his right-hand finger into the oil that is in his left palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD. 17 "Of the remaining oil which is in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right ear lobe of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;
- d. Every mantle has the power of God. Gaius was not a preacher; he was a businessman. He used his anointing (business) to fund the kingdom. God blessed him in every way. [3Jo 1:2 NASB95] 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

### III. Expect the obstacles to be removed and you to go forward.

- a. Elijah and Elisha walked through the water on dry ground.

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- b. Resist hopelessness. Your obstacle can not handle the purpose of God and the power of God in your life. God expects you to use your purpose and anointing as long as you have breath in your body.
  - c. Release your faith in the impossible. As you walk in the purpose of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, nothing will be impossible.
- **God wants you to overcome every obstacle with the purpose of God and the anointing of God.**