

Elijah - The Power of God

1 Kings 22 - 2 Kings 2

1 Kings 18:38; 22; 2 Kings 1 - Fire from heaven - Luke 9:51-56

The Voice of Influence

2 Kings 2:1-11 - Hebrews 9:27 (Malachi 4:5-6; Revelation 11)

First, Elisha's persistence; Second, Elijah's final miracle

Third, Elisha's peculiar request; Fourth, Elijah's final act

1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:9-14

Passing the Mantle

First, leaders are 'identifying and investing' in those who follow. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Second, it blesses the future. (Judges 2:6-10)

Third, service is a responsibility; the one we serve is our reward. (Philippians 3:7-11)

Fourth, our replacement is better! (Joshua 3:7; 5:8-15; 1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Fifth, leading is God's calling (1 Corinthians 11:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:1-13); setting us apart (1 Kings 19:19-21; Galatians 1:15-2:2; 2 Timothy 1:3-9).

Elijah's Power:

First, God's power is demonstrated in patience as well as in great spiritual victory. (James 1:2-4)

Second, there is no relationship between the spotlight and having God's power on your life. (1 Kings 17:1 - 2 Kings 2:11)

Third, God insists that I use His power to defend and promote His name alone.

Fourth, the fear of the Lord is healthy and necessary but is most important in God's servants and ministers.

Fifth, the more important the public assignment the more time will be necessary in private before God.

Sixth, the purposes of God in redemption come before our need for justice in this life.

Seventh, God's power to save is His power alone; God's power to influence is shared with us.

Conclusion: Elijah's life and ministry points to Jesus Christ.

Elisha - A Double Portion

1 Kings 19:19 - 2 Kings 13:21

Elijah - 14; Elisha - 28 - Elijah feared Jezebel. Elisha is fearless in the face of danger.

Conclusion: Elisha wanted to be Elijah's firstborn son, spiritually speaking. His deepest desire was to have the power of the Holy Spirit on his life and ministry. The ultimate gift is a godly life pointing children and followers to Jesus Christ and life in the Spirit.