

The Mantle

The Calling, The Charge, The Anointing

The mantle represents God's calling, charge, ministry, and anointing upon a person's life.

Before Moses ascended Mount Nebo at the end of his ministry, he laid hands on his disciple Joshua, and God's Spirit fell upon him, transferring the authority to lead Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:9 – *“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.”*

Likewise, when Elijah was taken up to God, he dropped his mantle, and his disciple Elisha picked it up. At that moment, the spirit of Elijah rested upon him.

2 Kings 2:13-15 – *“He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him... Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, ‘The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.’”*

In each case, a man of God completed his earthly ministry and ascended, and in each case, the transition was marked by the passing of a mantle.

At the end of Jesus' ministry, He, too, ascended to heaven, and His disciples were present at His departure. But to whom did His mantle fall?

Unlike the prophets before Him, the mantle of Messiah was too vast to fall upon just one person. Instead, on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured out upon all His disciples. The mantle of Christ is the mantle of the Holy Spirit, given to all who believe and fully commit their lives to Him.

Acts 2:1-4 – *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

The mantle is for all who will receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (John 3:16). *“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved”* (Romans 10:9).

Thank You Lord for Your mantle that You have placed upon us!