



"The Mantle"

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- I. **II Kings 2:1-15**
 - A. Covering of Authority and Identity (2 things it represents)
 1. **It represents a man's gift, the call of God, the anointing and the purpose for which God has called him.** (It served as a symbolic purpose, in the case of the prophets, showing they were wrapped in God's authority).
 2. **It represents adoption (I Kings 19:19, II Kings 2:12 "My Father, My Father!")**
 - * One of the greatest weapons that Satan uses against people today is the spirit of abandonment. (If you did not have a father-figure, a mother-figure...a mentor in any stage in your life...this message is for you...)
 - * God will take you up in His arms today...His love will cover you and fill you...and **Psalm 27:10** will be forever remembered in your heart: *"When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will adopt me as His own!"*
 - B. Elijah and Jesus
 1. Elijah cast his garment upon Elisha; Jesus said to His disciples *"Come follow me!"*
 2. Elijah went up and his mantle came down; Jesus went up and the Holy Spirit came down. (**Mark 1:10** is the first reference of the Holy Spirit on Jesus and **John 16:7** is the second reference of the transference of His mantle).
- II. Taking up the mantle
 - A. **See It**
 1. *"If you SEE me..."*
 2. **Luke 4:17** *"Jesus FOUND the place where it was written."*
 3. **Habakkuk 2:1** *"I will stand upon my watch...and will watch to SEE..."*
 - B. **Take It**
 1. *"He TOOK up the mantle..."*
 2. **Matthew 11:29** *"Take my yoke upon you..."*
 3. Stop waiting and start taking; taking what? Your adoption rights as a child of God!
 - C. **Wear It**
 1. The willingness to take on a new identity...a new purpose.
 2. Living in a new understanding of **II Corinthians 5:17** *"Old things are passed away..."* & **Colossians 3:9-10** *"Put on the new man..."*
 3. With God it is always "more" ...more than just putting on the new man or the whole armor of God, but putting on the Lord Himself! (**Romans 13:14**).