

GOD OWNS IT ALL

“The Touch of Elisha’s Bones Part 1”

2 Kings 2:9-11; 13:20,21

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Stewardship.

The word simply means:

“To act as a steward”

“The Steward is one in charge of the management of various assets that are not their own on behalf of the owner. Stewardship therefore implies authority from the owner(s), responsibility for the owner(s), and accountability to the owner(s).”

The Bible summarizes
it this way:

“Moreover it is required in
stewards that they be found
faithful.”



“The Touch of Elisha’s Bones”

2 Kings 13:20, 21

And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

Genesis 19:36, 37

Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

2 Kings 2:9–11, 12 first part

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2 Kings 2:9–11, 12 first part

And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2 Kings 2:9–11, 12 first part

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

1 Kings 19:19

So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

2 Kings 1:1

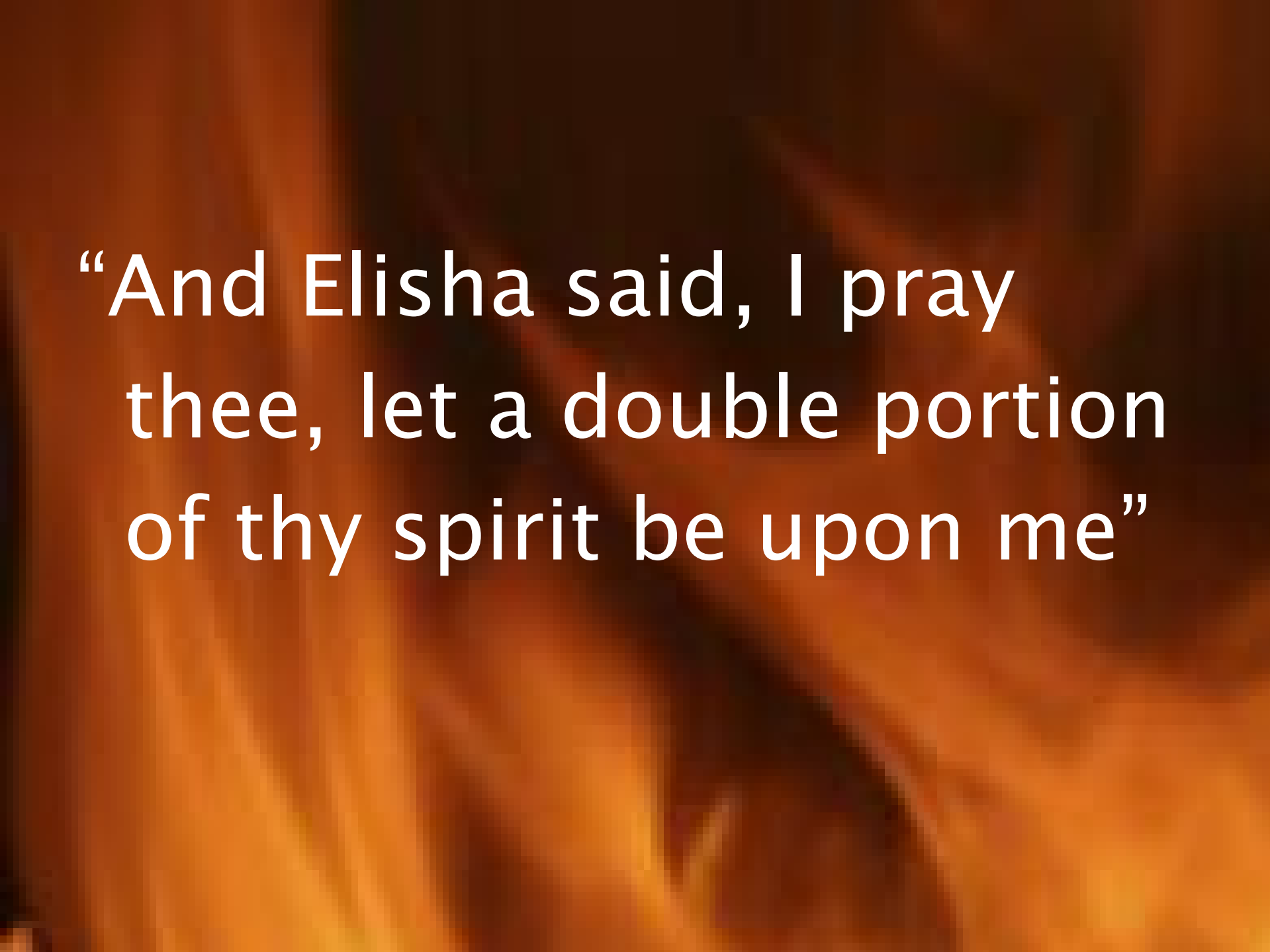
Then Moab rebelled
against Israel after the
death of Ahab.

2 Kings 2:1

And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.



“Ask what I shall do for thee.”



“And Elisha said, I pray
thee, let a double portion
of thy spirit be upon me”

2 Kings 2:12–15

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:12–15

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

2 Kings 2:12–15

And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

2 Kings 2:12–15

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

“We are to contend with supernatural forces, but we are assured of supernatural help...And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord’s host comes down to direct the battle.”

(Desire of Ages, 352)

“We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us.” (Ibid., 672)

Joel 2:23

Be glad then, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God:
for he hath given you the former
rain moderately, and he will cause
to come down for you the rain,
the former rain, and the latter rain
in the first month.

John 3:6–9

That which is born of the flesh
is flesh; and that which is born
of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee,
Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth,
and thou hearest the sound
thereof, but canst not tell whence
it cometh, and whither it goeth: so
is every one that is born of the
Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto
him, How can these things be?

“Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ...Suddenly, as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God,—a patient protracted process.

(Ibid., 172)

Early Rain Manifests Itself

- He directs. Isaiah 30:21
- He convicts. John 16:8
- He teaches us truth. John 16:13
- He helps us remember the truth. John 14:26
- He gives a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:17
- He bestows gifts in the church. 1 Corinthians 12:7
- He literally becomes our strength to live and submit to God daily. Romans 8:1–5; 1 Corinthians 15:31

“Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise to belongs to us as much as to the first disciples.

But like every other promise it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord’s promise; they talk *about* Christ and *about* the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided by the divine agencies. (Ibid. 672)

**“...Today if you hear his voice,
harden not your heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:7, last part)