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Elisha who accepted the call

Scripture to read: 1 Kings 19:16-21, 2 Kings 2:1-11, 3:11

The Lord who spoke to Elijah from the mountain of Horeb, told him to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. So Elijah went and found Elisha who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." Elijah agreed to that. Elisha who went home slaughtered the oxen and cooked meat for his people and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. He worked with such humbleness that he waited till they completed to eat and poured water to their hands. Elisha told Elijah that he will whole heartedly follow him. The Lord had already foretold that he was about to take Elijah into heaven. As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back.



The Lord took Grandpa Elijah alive into heaven who did amazing miracles and anointed Elisha in the place of Elijah. Elisha who was a hard worker immediately accepted the call of God and surrendered himself to serve him. One day Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what I can do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. Children did you'll see, Elisha did not ask for worldly things such as money, things and gold rather asked for the spiritual gift. He believed that through this spiritual gift he can meet and fulfill the needs of the people. Can we live as children of God by not seeking things for ourselves? Can we ask for the power of the Lord and receive it and be a useful vessel for others?

The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Psalms 28:08

Prayer

Holy Father, As Elisha prayed, gives us also thy manifold spiritual gift O Lord. We will use it for the glory of the Lord alone. Amen

