

## **ACTIVATING THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH “THIS IS US” FAMILY SERIES Father’s Day 2022 Dr. Ché Ahn**

**TEXT: Malachi 4:5 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”**

INTRO: We have been doing a series on the family. The last verse of the last book of the Old Testament closes with an extraordinary prophetic word that has to do with the family. This word has been significant for the past 2,400 years (written around 433 BC) since this word was given, but in my opinion, along with Haggai 2:7-9, Malachi 4:5-6 is the “word” for this hour.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke make it clear that the mantle or power of Elijah was on John the Baptist. Of course, this power is the power of the Holy Spirit. But the mantle is the specific robe that Elijah wore that was passed on to Elisha. The mantle is a symbolic metaphor for the unique aspect of the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a unique emphasis of the Holy Spirit for a specific purpose. We see an example of this in Luke 4:18: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed.” Here we see the mantle on Jesus to preach, heal, and deliver people from demonic oppression.

There is a threefold purpose for the mantle of Elijah: 1) He was to turn people’s hearts toward God the Father, 2) Turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, 3) Turn the hearts of the children back to their fathers.

Jesus affirmed that John the Baptist, “he is the Elijah to come” (Matthew 11:14). We see in John the Baptist’s ministry that he was primarily calling people to repent and turn their hearts toward Jehovah God, who is God the Father. This was the first manifestation of the mantle of Elijah, “before the Great Day of the Lord”—the first coming of Jesus.

The second manifestation of the mantle of Elijah is before the “terrible day of the Lord,” when Jesus will come and judge the nations and separate the sheep nations from the goat nations, and the mantle that was on Elijah will not be upon an individual like John the Baptist, but it will be on the *Ekklesia*, the Church. It will be upon *you*.

I also believe it will be a double portion of what John the Baptist received because the Bible says, “The least in the Kingdom is greater than John the Baptist”

(Matthew 11:11). In other words, just like Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's mantle (power), the Ekklesia will receive double of what John the Baptist received from the Holy Spirit. Truly the "glory of the latter house will be greater than the former" (Haggai 2:9). God gives mantles and anointing to do His will by His grace and power. You have this mantle from the Holy Spirit.

My goal is to impart a greater anointing of this mantle by giving you the purpose of this mantle and thus activate this anointing for your family and for the Body of Christ.

## I. ELIJAH'S MANTLE FOR REVIVAL

### A. TURNING THE HEARTS OF A NATION BACK TO GOD THE FATHER

1. **1 Kings 18:21** **Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long *will* you hesitate [vacillate] between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. <sup>23</sup> Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people said, "That is a good idea."**
2. **1 Kings 18:37** **"Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and *that You have turned their heart back again*." <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God." <sup>40</sup> Then Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." So, they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slew them there.**
3. God demonstrates His love and mercy by turning His heart toward the people, by giving them a sign of fire from heaven. This is the grace of God. We can't even turn our hearts back to God without His grace. We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Receive God grace to love and follow Jesus today.

## II. ELIJAH'S MANTLE FOR REFORMATION

### A. WE MUST SUBDUCE THE SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL (LUST AND IMMORALITY)

1. The Jezebel spirit of lust and immorality is attacking the family institution today. Jezebel had surrounded herself with 400 prophets of Asherah (1 Kings 18:19).
2. Asherah was the fertility goddess that was exported from the pagan Canaanites. She was Baal's mother. Jezebel was from Tyre, and when she married Ahab, she brought her pagan gods with her. These prophets were temple prostitutes. It unleashed a spirit of immorality in Israel.
3. I believe that the stronghold over California is Jezebel. This is through years of intercession and prophetic discernment. The sexual revolution began in California.
4. The sexual revolution of the 1960s led to abortion on demand and the legalization of abortion in 1973. The root issue of abortion is sexual immorality. It is primarily singles, not married couples, who get pregnant and choose to get an abortion. According to the CDC's 2009 stats, 72.6% of all abortions are among those under 30. In 1994, 75% of all abortions took place among singles. It has become a tragic means of birth control.
5. Same-Sex Marriage: In 2016, only 9% of gay men and lesbians were married, according to a Gallup poll. Most engage in having sex with multiple partners, many of them strangers. The root issues are immorality.
6. Transgenderism: Disney's president said, "We want 50% of our characters to identify with LGBTQ+". Drag queens reading to preschoolers.
7. Abigail and her teenage daughter.

## **B. ELIJAH ANOINTS TWO GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS AND ONE SPIRITUAL SUCCESSOR**

1. **1 Kings 19:15 The LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; <sup>16</sup> and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."** We need governmental leaders, and yet God always uses the remnant.
2. **In 1787 Wilberforce wrote, "God Almighty has set before me two great objects: the suppression of the Slave Trade and the Reformation of Manners"** (Morals). He brought about this reformation through legislation on the government mountain.
3. **I believe that God has given the Church the mantle of Elijah to bring about the revival of morals in our land. And it begins with the Church.**

### III. WHAT THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH LOOKS LIKE TODAY

#### A. DADS, TURN YOUR HEARTS TOWARD YOUR CHILDREN

1. The enemy has attacked the family, but the primary attack is against fathers. Most of our family problems, and thus society's problems, are because of fatherlessness. I believe that the LGBTQ+ problems are because of a fatherless problem.
2. A young girl develops her femininity from her father's affection.
3. A young man develops his masculinity from his father's affection.

#### B. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR FAMILY

1. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it.
2. Three things that I did right as a father: 1) Leading family devotions, 2) Had a family day/sabbath, 3) Being responsible for spanking our children.
3. Three things that I wish I could do over: 1) Spank them less and teach them more, 2) Be more involved homeschooling them, 3) Travel less and spend more time with them. I started to travel in their high school years, and even though it was past their formative years, it did have a negative impact on them.

#### C. FIGHTING "THE ENEMIES" AGAINST THE FAMILY (Genesis 1:28)

1. Through intercession. The power of prayer.
2. On a legislative level, God wants us to elect pro-life and pro-family candidates with strong morals.
3. Fighting any unjust laws that undermine the family.
4. Be equipped in order to strengthen your family. Don't miss "Leave My Child Alone" on July 16.

#### D. GRACE TO TURN OUR HEARTS TOWARDS SPIRITUAL CHILDREN

1. We live on an orphan planet. We must adopt spiritual children.

#### E. THERE IS A RELEASE OF GRACE FOR THE CHURCH TO ADOPT MILLIONS OF BABIES

1. **Amos 5:24 "But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."**
2. **James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.**
3. **Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"**
4. **Galatians 4:5 So that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.**

**5. Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.**

**CONCLUSION:** I am calling all of you to first turn your heart to God the Father by repenting of your sins. Second, I am asking you to receive wisdom and the grace of God to be good fathers and mothers. Finally, I want you to receive the impartation of Elijah’s anointing to bring revival and reformation on the family mountain.