



# *Before the THRONE* *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 2:12b, 13

“... and Elisha took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces. Then he took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and he went back and stood by the bank of the Jordon river.” 2 Kings 2:12b, 13

We find throughout Church history men who assumed positions of power within the Church who themselves were never born again. Conforming to an outward form, yet they are dead spiritually on the inside. “Having a form of godliness, but deny the power of it.” (2 Timothy 3:5). Or as Jesus said of it, “Woe, unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and all *sorts of* uncleanness. Even so, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.” (Matthew 23:27-28) Of what value is it to put on new clothes when you’re still wearing your old and filthy rags?

Elisha understood that before he could take up the mantle of the prophet, he must first take off his own clothes. Rather than identify with his own abilities and strengths, he must take up another’s anointing. “But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you.” (Acts 1:8) It is no different for us today. To walk in the newness and power of Jesus’ life, we must put off the old nature, the old ways, and the old thoughts! “Put off concerning the former manner of life, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)