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God's chosen elders

2 Kings 3

It tells the story of the military campaigns of the kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom against the Moabites. The battle was fought by the king of Israel. Ran and Jehoshaphat king of Judah and king Edom led.

Leadership is very important for the growth of the church. If the leadership is wrong and the leaders are selfish, then the whole country is over to suffer. This is common in the history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. When a bad king rises, then the whole nation falls under the curse.

How to tell whether God has chosen or self-nominated

God's people are like sheep. They are so kind, naïve, and ignorant. That's why in the history of the Church. God's people are blessed whenever God raises up the right leaders; But when bad leaders rise up, God's people are great, In Christianity, discerning whether God chooses a person usually involves prayer, devotional, and Bible study.

Read and seek guidance from Church leaders.

God's election may manifest itself in peace of mind, consistency in the promises and guidance of the Bible, and the approval and confirmation of those around you

Recognize. Self-recommendation may be self-centered, self-interested rather than God's will, and lack of inner peace

Support and recognition from others. Discerning whether God has chosen a person is a vital part of the Christian life.

This requires not only deep devotion and prayer, but also humility and a keen heart to grasp God's will.

Here are some guiding principles to help us discern the difference between God's election and self-nomination:

Prayer and Devotional: Fellowship with God is the key to discerning God's election. Through prayer, meditation on the Bible, and communion with God

Instantly, we can hear God's voice more clearly and comprehend His will.

Peace of Mind: God's election is often accompanied by peace of mind and assurance. This peace transcends external circumstances and difficulties

It is a kind of stability and confidence given by the Holy Spirit.

Bible Guidance: The Bible is the Word of God that contains His heart and principles. We can read the Bible, seek God's guidance and wisdom. If we feel God's election, then His Word will be shared with our hearts and guide our lives.

Church Recognition and Affirmation: Recognition and affirmation of leaders and other Christians in the church is also important. They might

Prayer and discernment are used to confirm whether God is at work in a person's life and to elect for him.

Humility and obedience: God's election is not for personal glory or power, but for the fulfillment of His mission and glory. cause

Therefore, a person chosen by God should demonstrate the qualities of humility and obedience, and be willing to serve others and follow God's will.

Fruit Appearance: God's election is often revealed in a person's life, through the ministry they do and through their lives

Outcome. These fruits may include transformation, teaching, service, and loving behavior.

Discerning God's election requires a person's heart to be with God and seek His will in faith, humility, and obedience. although

Yet people may sometimes be self-centered or self-interested, but when we sincerely seek God's will and submit to His guidance, he will inevitably reveal His election in our lives.

Here are some verses in the Bible about not being selfish in ministry:

Philippians 2:3-4:

"Thou shalt not form a faction, nor be vain in thy desires, but be humble in heart, and each one shall consider others better than himself. Let no one be for himself and also take care of the interests of others. "

Galatians 6:9-10:

"Let us not lose heart when we do good; If you do not lose heart, the harvest will come. Therefore, when you have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those in the family of believers. "

I Timothy 6:17-19:

"Command those who are rich in this world not to exalt themselves and not to trust in uncertain riches; but trust in the abundance of things. Give us the enjoyment of God. and charge them to do good, to be rich in good works, to give freely, and to be willing to give, so that they may accumulate success and prepare for the future with their own good foundation, that they may lay hold of the true life. "

These verses emphasize humility, loyalty, and self-serving attitudes in good ministry, which are the core values of Christian ministry.

We pray together :

Lord, thank you for all your grace and mercy you have given us. We humble ourselves before You and ask for Your guidance and peace, strength, especially when serving in the church.

Pray that the Lord will give us pure hearts and that our ministry will not be driven by selfishness and personal gain. May we always be strong.

Remember, everything we do is for the glory of Your name, not for our own praise or gain. Pray that the Lord will give us the humility to serve others and to give for them without expecting anything in return. May our All hearts and minds are toward You, not to worldly vanities and riches. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and courage to discern and resist all selfish temptations and desires. May our deeds and words be. Demonstrate the love and mercy of Christ and be an example and witness in the church. Lord, we know that we are weak in our own strength and wisdom, but we believe in You that we can do all things. We pray that the Lord will fill us with Your Holy Spirit, guide us, mold us, and enable us to serve You with a pure heart, be a faithful servant of Your kingdom. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

2 Kings 2:1 And Jehohua shall take the time of Israel's ascension into heaven by a whirlwind, and Elijah and Elisha shall go from Gilgal.

2:2 And Elijah said unto Elishah, Yahweh sent me to Bethel, and thou shalt wait here. And Elisha said, As of the living Jehovah, I dare to swear before thee, that I will not depart from thee. So the two went down to Bethel .

2:3 And the disciples of the prophets who lived in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said unto him, Yahweh will take thy master away from thee this day, and thou knowest not the way. He said, "I know that you don't have to be silent.

2:4 And Israel said unto Elishah, Jehovah hath sent me to Jerego, and thou shalt wait here. And Elisha said, As of the living Jehovah, I dare to swear before thee, that I will not depart from thee. So they went to Jericho.

2:5 And the prophetic disciples who lived in Jericho came near Elisha and said unto him, Yahweh will take thy master away from thee this day, and thou knowest not. He said, "I know that you don't have to be silent.

2:6 And Israel said unto Elishah, Yahweh hath sent me to the Jordan, and thou shalt wait here. And Elisha said, As of the living Jehovah, I dare to swear before thee, that I will not depart from thee. So the two of them went together.

2:7 Fifty of the Prophet's disciples went and stood afar across from them. The two of them took up their place by the Jordan River.

2:8 Eliah rolled up his cloak and used it to draw water, and the water was divided to the right and left, and the two walked on dry ground.

2:9 And it came to pass, after that Elijah said unto Elisha, I have not been taken away from thee: but beg me what thou wilt thou do for thee. Elisha said, "Let your spirit move me doubly."

2:10 And Elijah said, Thou hast asked for a hard time. Nevertheless, when I am taken away from you, if you see me, you will find me. if not, it will not be possible .

2:11 While they were talking, a chariot and a horse separated them, and Eliah ascended to heaven in a whirlwind.

2:12 When Elisha saw it, he cried out, "My father." My father. O chariots and horsemen of Israel. never to see him again . So Elisha tore his garment into two pieces.

2:13 He picked up the cloak that had fallen off Elijah's body and went back to stand by the Jordan River.

2:14 And he drew water with the cloak that had fallen off Eliah, and said, Where is the God of Yahweh, and Elijah? After the water was drawn, the water was also parted to the right and left, and Elisha came over.

2:15 When the prophet disciples who lived in Jericho saw him from the opposite side, they said, "Elisha's spirit has been moved by Elia." And they came to meet him, and fell on their faces before him,

2:16 And said unto him, Servants, there are fifty and ten mighty men here: let them go and seek thy master, or the spirit of Yahweh hawah hath lifted him up and cast him into such a mountain or a valley. And Elisha said, Thou shalt not send any man.

2:17 They urged him again and again , but he could not refuse, so he said, "Send someone to do so." So they sent fifty men and searched for three days, but they found nothing.

2:18 Elisha was still waiting in Jericho for them to return to him. And he said unto them, Did I not tell you that ye must not go?

2:19 And the men of the city of Jericho said unto Elisha, The land of this city is good, and my lord has seen it. it is just that the water is bad and the soil is not ripe and falls .

2:20 And Elisha said, Bring me a new jar and fill it with salt. And they brought it to him.

2:21 And he went forth to the fountain of water, and poured salt into the water, and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed this water, and from now on shall no more cause death to man, nor shall the earth no longer produce.

2:22 So the water was healed, and to this day, as Elisha had said.

2:23 Elisha went up to Bethel from there, and while he was going up, some of the lads came out of the city, and laughed at him, saying, "Go up bald." Go up bald .

2:24 When he looked back, he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. So two she-bears came out of the forest and tore apart forty-two of them.

2:25 Elisha went up from Bethel to Mount Carmel, and from Mount Carmel back to Samaria.

2 Kings chapter 2 describes Elijah's earthly reception into heaven and his successor Elisha receiving God's inspiration.

First, knowing that Elijah was dying, he ordered his assistant Elisha to stay while he himself went to Bethel. There, by God's will, Elijah was taken up into heaven by God, and his clothes fell on Elisha.

Elisha succeeded Elijah as a prophet and servant of God. He demonstrated God's powers, such as healing water sources in Jericho, cursing and punishing the children who mocked him, and defeating the Syrians at Mount Gilead. Throughout these miracles, Elisha relied on and trusted God, while also teaching people to trust and fear God.

The second chapter of 2 Kings begins with the story of Elijah's ascension into heaven. Elijah knew that his time on earth was coming to an end, and before leaving, he asked his disciple Elisha what he could do for him. Elisha asked Elijah's spirit to be doubled, and Elijah said that if Elisha saw him being taken to heaven, he would agree.

As they were walking together, a train and a horse of fire appeared, separating Elijah from Elisha. Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha witnessed it happen. Then Elisha took Elijah's mantle, which had fallen to the

ground, and used it to separate the waters of the Jordan River so that he could cross it.

After Elijah left, Elisha continued his ministry and performed many miracles. When the Jerichos complained about the bad water, Elisha poured salt into the water and healed them. He also fed a group of prophets with small amounts of food and leftovers, like the miracle of bread and fish in the New Testament.

In the second half of the chapter, a group of boys mock Elisha, calling him "bald." In response, Elisha cursed them in the name of the Lord, and two bears came out of the woods against them. This incident illustrates the seriousness with which God's prophets are to be treated, and the consequences of disrespecting them.

Overall, 2 Kings 2 describes the conversion of prophetic leaders from Elijah to Elisha and emphasizes the power and authority of God's chosen servants.

2 Kings:2 Important Verse: "The Lord was going to bring Elijah into heaven by whirlwind, and Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal." (2 Kings 2:1) Reference: 2 Kings 2:1-25

This chapter describes the departure of the prophet Elijah and the passing of his mantle to his disciple Elisha. Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind, leaving Elisha to continue his work as a prophet. This chapter also includes a story about Elisha's healing of water

Jericho and a group of young men mock him, causing them to be attacked by bears.

In 2 Kings 2, we witness a major event in the life of the prophet Elijah. This chapter describes Elijah's departure from the earth and passing on his prophetic mantle to his successor, Elisha. This chapter contains several important considerations:

Passing on the mantle of leadership: The relationship between Elijah and Elisha is a powerful example of direction and power shifting. Throughout their journey, Elijah repeatedly tested Elisha's commitment and determination to accept the mantle of prophetic ministry. Elisha remained steadfast and showed his unwavering dedication. When Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind, Elisha

inherited his prophetic powers and continued his work. This passage emphasizes the importance of developing and training the next generation of leaders.

The Transcendence of God's Power: Elijah's dramatic departure in the whirlwind and chariot of fire reveals the supernatural nature of God's power. This event shows that God is not limited by the material realm and can manifest His power in extraordinary ways. It reinforces the belief in God's transcendence and His ability to work in ways that transcend human comprehension.

Elisha asks for a double portion: Before Elijah left, Elisha asked for a double portion. This request reflects Elisha's greater desire for God's anointing and power. Elisha longed to continue Elijah's work and to continue to preach with greater influence. It reminds believers to seek to deepen their spiritual lives and a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Continuity of God's Plan: The departure of Elijah and the passing of the prophet's mantle to Elisha marked the continuation of God's divine plan and the prophet's ongoing work in Israel. Despite the challenges and setbacks facing the nation, God ensures that His will is fulfilled through faithful individuals. This encourages believers to trust in God's faithfulness and the continuity of His plans, even in uncertain times.

Overall, 2 Kings 2 emphasizes themes such as succession of leadership, God's transcendence, spiritual power, and the continuity of God's plan. It inspires believers to embrace their role as mentors and leaders, to seek a deeper connection with God, and to trust in His guidance and provision.