

ELISHA CALLED; ELIJAH TRANSLATED

BIBLE TEXT : I Kings 19:19-21; II Kings 2:1-18

LESSON 308 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

1 Kings 19:19-21

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.

²⁰ And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

²¹ And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

2 Kings 2:1-18

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.

² And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *unto him*, As the LORD liveth, and *as thy soul liveth*, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

³ And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

⁴ And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the

BIBLE REFERENCES:

I Call of God

1. Elijah placed his mantle upon Elisha; and this act typified the call of God, I Kings 19:16, 19;

Exodus 3:1-2

¹ Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. Judges 6:11-12

¹¹ And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.

¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

Psalm 78:70-72

⁷⁰ He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

⁷¹ From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

⁷² So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Amos 7:14-15

¹⁴ Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

¹⁵ And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

Matthew 4:18

¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

Matthew 4:19

¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

2. Elisha consecrated his possessions and family and followed the call of God, I Kings 19:20;

Matthew 8:21-22

²¹ And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

²² But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

Luke 9:61-62

⁶¹ And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

⁶² And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Genesis 24:55-58

⁵⁵ And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few days*, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

⁵⁶ And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

⁵⁷ And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go

LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.* So they came to Jericho.

⁵ And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

⁶ And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.* And they two went on.

⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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*.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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

with this man? And she said, I will go.

3. Elisha made a sacrifice of the oxen, and then went to minister unto Elijah, I Kings 19:21;

2 Kings 3:11-12

¹¹ But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.*

¹² And Jehoshaphat said, *The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.*

John 13:13-16

¹³ *Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.*

¹⁴ *If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.*

¹⁵ *For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.*

¹⁶ *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.*

Luke 22:25-27

²⁵ *And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.*

²⁶ *But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.*

²⁷ *For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.*

Matthew 20:28

²⁸ *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Philippians 2:17

¹⁷ *Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.*

II Mantle of God

1. Elisha followed Elijah despite opposing opinions and difficulties, II Kings 2:1-8;

Ruth 1:15-18

¹⁵ *And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.*

¹⁶ *And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*

¹⁷ *Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.*

¹⁸ *When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.*

2 Samuel 15:21

²¹ *And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.*

John 11:16

¹⁶ *Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.*

John 13:1

¹ *Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.*

Romans 16:4

⁴ *Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom*

clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

¹³ He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

¹⁴ 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.

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.

¹⁶ And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

¹⁷ And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

¹⁸ And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

2 Timothy 1:16

¹⁶ The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

Acts 2:42

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2. Elisha's persistency and faithfulness caused Elijah to inquire of Elisha what should be done for him, II Kings 2:9, 10;

2 Chronicles 15:12-15

¹² And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

¹³ That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

¹⁴ And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

¹⁵ And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

Psalm 73:25

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*

Mark 5:27-34

²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

²⁹ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 10:51-52

⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 7:25-29

²⁵ For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

²⁷ But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

²⁸ And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

²⁹ And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

3. Elijah was swept up to Heaven by a whirlwind, II Kings 2:11; Genesis 5:24

²⁴ And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Matthew 24:27-28

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Matthew 24:40-41

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 9:30-31

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

4. Elisha obtained the fallen mantle of Elijah – a type of the receiving of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, II Kings 2:12-18;

Luke 24:49

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 14:12-14

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:16-18

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Psalm 45:1

¹ My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Psalm 45:7

⁷ Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

NOTES:

Called and Chosen

There is hardly a more beautiful and exact picture in the Word of God of the procedure of the calling of men into God's service than that of Elijah's placing his mantle upon Elisha. Elijah was nearing the end of a stormy career as a Prophet unto backslidden Israel. A successor had to be chosen to carry on the work of God, and that successor was Elisha – a man perhaps unknown to Elijah, but known of God.

God's ministers and workers are chosen of God, called of God, and are placed and kept in particular spheres of service by God. We know this from Jesus' own words: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). Paul said of his ministry: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me" (I Corinthians 9:16, 17). (Read Hebrews 5:1-4.) Elijah was told by God, "Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-mehola shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room" (I Kings 19:16). It was not given to Elijah to choose his successor, but God knows the hearts of men.

God's choice of a man for His service is no doubt influenced by the preparation that individual has made and is making for such service. God does not send a novice to do His work. (**1 Timothy 3:6 ⁶ Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**). He usually calls men to His service who, from their past lives and character, show faithfulness and dependability that can be profitable to the work of God in the future. Such a man was David. "He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: from following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands" (Psalm 78:70-72). God likewise chose Joseph, although a young man, to do great things for Him. (**Psalm 105:17-22 ¹⁷ He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: ¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: ¹⁹ Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. ²⁰ The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. ²¹ He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: ²² To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.**)

The soul who desires to do the work of God will do everything in his power to fit himself for service. When the call comes he will be ready. David, the shepherd boy, did not hesitate to challenge Goliath, the enemy of Israel, in the name of the Lord, because he, David, had slain a bear and a lion in his youth with the help of the Lord. When someone was needed to take up the sword of the Lord, David was fortified by his past faith in God, and accepted the call. God accepted him because he was ready. There was none other in Israel who dared to fight the battle of the Lord

against Goliath.

While working at his daily labours, Elisha suddenly felt the mantle of Elijah thrown around him. More than the weight of a mantle of cloth, he felt a great urge in his heart to do God's service; and he heard, in his heart, the voice of God speaking those solemn words that many others, through the ages, have heard: "Follow Me."

Consecration

Simply feeling that God desires one to enter into His service, in one form or another, does not deliver him from the need of consecrating, to do that serviced well. On the contrary, answering to the call of God means the very utmost in consecration to ever be able to properly to perform the service one is called to do. Elisha was no different from other men. He felt the responsibility of his call and knew it would be demanding of him and would take precedence over every other desire and obligation in his life. God's service is the highest service in life, and the rewards are beyond calculation; but only through the highest devotion to the service of God can His will be performed by men. We feel the earnest wrestling with God of Elisha's soul as he cried to Elijah, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee." Elijah's answer, "Go back again: for what have I done to thee?" meant, in short, "You must answer to God; He has called you, not I; and you must answer Him."

Compare these words with the words of Jesus to a man who would be His disciple but who desired to be allowed to go and bury his father, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead" (Matthew 8:22).

Service

Elisha, after making a sacrifice, left his home to follow Elijah. The Bible states that he "poured water on the hands of Elijah" (II Kings 3:11), meaning that he attended Elijah in any service in which he could be useful to the Prophet of God. The call of God to the human soul is a call of service to others – as unto Christ. (see II Corinthians 5:20.) Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27). Jesus told His disciples: "He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve" (Luke 22:26). Again Jesus said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

The life given to God will be a life spent in ministering the things of God to the children of God wherever God deems it necessary. We must lose our lives in order to gain them again unto eternal life. Every Christian must learn this in some degree as he worships God, in order to inherit eternal life.

Following the commands of Christ often leads men to the far places of the world, into heathen lands, where they must face many hazards to life and sometimes lose their lives in the preaching of the Gospel that men might be saved from their sins. This is self-sacrificing service unto God, for the servant is not greater than his master. As Jesus gave all, so the Christian may be called upon to give his all for the glory of God and because his Master asks it of him.

Elisha was a true follower of God because he was willing to serve God's Prophet in whatever place it might be. There are those who spurn what they may call service duties in the Gospel, thinking it beneath their dignity or place in life to do such task. There are no unimportant tasks with God; and no one has ever been asked to lower himself to the place that Jesus did when He permitted men to abuse Him with all manner of insults and

indignities, inflict upon him intense physical suffering, and finally, take His life. He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7, 8). "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Corinthians 8:9). Such was the example of Jesus Christ, who gave Himself and all that He had to God, His Father, for the salvation of the souls of men; and we can do no less than what the Lord requires.

Power of God

When the Lord would take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tarry here." But Elisha would not leave Elijah. Elisha's responsibility had been to serve Elijah; and Elisha knew that very soon his master would be taken away. Elisha's heart burned within him, for he desired, more than anything else, to have the Spirit and power that Elijah possessed. No service for God can be successful unless it is done in the power of the Spirit of God. Elisha knew this, and he would not leave Elijah for a minute until he received the power Elijah had.

The sons of the prophets reminded Elisha of Elijah's soon leaving and tried to hinder him from following Elijah. Elisha was not to be distracted. Finally, Elijah asked him what he desired. Elisha's answer, "A double portion of thy spirit," is typical of the answer given by a soul who desires the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Coming "boldly unto the throne of grace," we ask and receive of God the Spirit of God who has been promised by Jesus.

Elijah laid down conditions whereby Elisha could receive his request. In like manner there are conditions laid down by God for the Christian to fulfil if he would receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He must be saved, have his sins forgiven through the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ, and become a new creature in Christ Jesus. He must then be sanctified, a second work of grace. And then he can seek the face of God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Elisha did not turn his eyes from Elijah, but followed him faithfully from place to place. Then, suddenly, as they were separated by the chariot of fire, Elijah was caught up to Heaven by a whirlwind. Elisha saw him go, and, rending his own clothes, he put on the fallen mantle of Elijah. As Elisha smote the waters of Jordan with the mantle and cried out, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" God proved Himself and parted the waters of Jordan that Elisha might pass over. We also can prove God's truth and existence. By obeying His precepts and seeking the face of God in the proper manner, we can obtain the deep things of God, as did Elisha.

One hundred and twenty of the disciples of Jesus, joined together in one accord, prayed for ten days for the promised Spirit of God; and when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, God poured out His Spirit upon them all.

The Sons of the prophets seemed to have been as well informed as Elisha about Elijah's departure, but Elisha alone desired the Spirit of God that was on Elijah, and he alone was the one who received that Spirit. While many knew of the promise of Jesus that He would send the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, and some 500 had seen Jesus after His resurrection, only 120 had desire enough to be there when the Spirit came. So it is today. Those who desire the things of God are seeking after them, fulfilling the commandments of God to receive them; and they are in the proper place and the proper state of spirituality that God

can give them the desires of their heart.

The power of God will still fall upon those who will leave all to follow the call of Jesus Christ. God's promise is true, as Peter declared it to be on the Day of Pentecost when he said: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:16-18, 39).

QUESTIONS

1. Who chose Elisha to be Elijah's successor?
2. Who chooses God's ministers today?
3. Why did Elijah tell Elisha to go back, when Elisha started after him?
4. Why is it necessary to consecrate one's life to do the service of God?
5. How did Elisha obtain the Spirit of God that rested on Elijah?
6. How can the Spirit of God be obtained today?
7. Who can obtain the Spirit of God today? Give Scriptural reference as authority.