

The Mantle & The Oil

In this Message, God has something to say to us all... every single person who is chosen to do His will in the calling of God upon his or her life.

Please refer to the following verses of Old Testament Scripture that employ this “Old English” word from the King James Version of the Bible:

1Kings 19:13 & 19:19

(13) And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, **that he wrapped his face in his mantle**, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

...

(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**.

1Samuel 15:27

(27) And as Samuel turned about to go away, **he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle**, and **it rent**.

1Samuel 28:14

(14) And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and **he is covered with a mantle**. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.

2Kings 2:8

(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.

2Kings 2:11-15

(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 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.

These scriptural references should give you, the reader and student of the Word of God, the understanding of what a mantle consists of and what it is used for:

1. The mantle was a cloak or coat – and outer garment – that was worn by the prophets Samuel and Elijah, and then, after Elijah went up to Heaven in a whirlwind, the mantle that Elijah had was then worn by Elisha.

2. The mantle was a covering, an outer coat that went over the inner garments.

You will note these definitions, as are provided on the Internet, at the links/URLs that are shown:

mantle /măn'tl/

noun

1. A loose sleeveless **coat worn over outer garments**; a cloak.
2. **Something that covers**, envelops, **or conceals**.
3. **The role or appearance of an authoritative or important person.**

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[A mantle is a loose piece of clothing worn over other clothes, something that covers or surrounds another thing, or the middle layer of the Earth located between the crust and the core. It can also refer to a position of responsibility or authority.](#)

[Reverso](#)  [Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

MANTLE Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster

The meaning of MANTLE is **a loose sleeveless garment worn over other clothes : cloak**

(<https://www.merriam-webster.com> › dictionary › mantle)

You will also see the same as these definitions describe written in Psalm 109:

Psalm 109:29

(29) Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

Now then, having shown you the verses and definitions that describe what the Mantle is and does, it is important that we understand (a) WHY that is what it is, and (b) WHY it does what it does... right?!

Buckle up, and let's dive into the understanding of God!

(a) WHY the mantle IS what it IS:

The Mantle is a covering... it represents THE COVERING OF GOD ALMIGHTY, HIMSELF!!!

(b) WHY the mantle DOES what it DOES:

- 1. The Mantle is what enables us TO BE AT ONE WITH GOD... FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY!**
- 2. The Mantle is what covers us and protects us from the influence of darkness WHILE WE SERVE THE LORD!**
- 3. The Mantle is what CONCEALS THE GLORY OF GOD THAT INFLUENCES US WHILE WE ARE ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS!**

Let it be known, therefore, that the Mantle provides us with a UNION with the things of God, as He is unfolding before each of us, giving us a special place of INTIMACY WITH HIM... whereof He is able to confide in us THE SECRET THINGS OF GOD.

The Mantle ALSO COVERS AND CONCEALS what God is DOING in us, and it SURROUNDS US ; in short, the Mantle IS HIS ENVELOPING PRESENCE wherein we “TABERNACLE” WITH GOD (THAT IS, TO LIVE IN THE “TENT” OF HIS ABIDING GLORY, HONOUR, AND PRESENCE), EVEN AS MOSES DID IN THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS (see here):

Exodus 40:31-35

- (31) And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:**
- (32) When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.**
- (33) And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.**
- (34) Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**
- (35) And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

Numbers 20:6-9

- (6) And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.**
- (7) And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,**
- (8) Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.**
- (9) And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.**

Abraham was called “the Friend of God” (James 2:23) because He BELIEVED God’s Words to him, and God GAVE HIM righteousness, as a result.

This same Abraham was spoken to the following words, by God, Himself, in Genesis 15:1:

Genesis 15:1

(1) After these things **the word of the LORD came unto Abram** [edit: Abram was his name before God renamed him Abraham – see Genesis 17:5] **in a vision** [HE SAW GOD IN “A SIMILITUDE OF” GOD – see Numbers 12:7-8], **saying**, Fear not, **Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.**

God said He would be Abraham’s (a) Shield, and (b) Reward.

It is important to make these two distinctions, but they are **BOTH THE PERSON OF GOD!!!**

(a) God IS a SHIELD to His sons and daughters that serve Him, protecting them from the power and influence of darkness, so that it has no hold upon them and cannot take them out of their position that God has placed them in.

(b) God IS THE REWARD – HE, HIMSELF – NOT MERELY WHAT HE HAS IN HIS HAND!!!

Abraham KNEW that God sheltered and protected him from the people of the land he was led into by God (see Genesis 12:1-5 and Hebrews 11:8-10 and 2Timothy 4:18 – **LOOK AT THESE RIGHT NOW!!! THESE REFERENCES HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR OWN OBEDIENCE!!!**)... Otherwise, Abraham wouldn’t have been in submission to go, as God had told him to!

But Abraham had believed God’s Word to go, and then put that Word into ACTION!!!

His faith was NOT without works – his faith WAS ALIVE, NOT DEAD (see James 2:20-26)!!!

So then, Abraham already followed after God IN OBEISANCE TO HIS WORDS TO HIM, AND GOD GAVE HIM RIGHTEOUSNESS... BUT HE DIDN’T KNOW HOW GREATLY GOD WOULD UPHOLD HIS WORDS TO HIM IN GENESIS 12:2-3 until God GAVE HIM THIS SPECIAL WORD IN GENESIS 15:1; see verses 12:2-3 here:

Genesis 12:2-3

- (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and **I will bless thee**, and make thy name great; and **thou shalt be a blessing**;
(3) And **I will bless them that bless thee**, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

So God informed Abraham that, NOT ONLY did He, God, PROMISE to bless Abraham and to make him to BE a blessing, BUT, WHEN GOD SPOKE GENESIS 15:1 TO HIM, HE CLUED ABRAHAM IN THAT HIS BLESSING WAS GOD!!!

Abraham VALUED the things of God, so God GAVE HIMSELF to Abraham AS ABRAHAM’S PORTION – EVEN AS THE LEVITES RECEIVED IN THE TIME OF MOSES (see the following):

Deuteronomy 18:1-2

- (1) **The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel:** they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.
- (2) Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: **the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.**

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HE, HIMSELF, WAS ABRAHAM'S PORTION, INHERITANCE, AND EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD!!!

God was telling Abraham that ALL THE BLESSINGS AND PROMISES OF GOD COME WITH HIM – BECAUSE HE RECEIVED GOD AS HIS EXCEEDINGLY WONDERFUL AND AWESOMELY BLESSED REWARD!!!

WHEN ABRAHAM RECEIVED GOD, HE WAS ALSO RECEIVING WHAT WAS IN GOD'S HAND TO BLESS HIM WITH, EVEN AS HE HAD PROMISED HIM IN GENESIS 12:2-3!!!

So then:

- (a) God IS OUR SHIELD to protect us from the cloak of darkness BY HIS MANTLE OF HIMSELF!!!

and

- (b) **GOD IS THE REWARD OF ALL REWARDS – AND WE MUST REVERENCE HIM SO, NOT MERELY SEEKING HIM TO OPEN HIS HAND TO US!!!** HE IS THE PROVIDER, OUR SOURCE, OF COURSE – BUT HE IS THE SOURCE OF ALL BLESSING **BECAUSE HE IS “THE BLESSING!!!!!!!!!!”**

HIS MANTLE – THAT IS, THE COVERING OF HIMSELF – IS THE COVERING OF HIS GLORY THAT ADORNS US!!!!!!!!!!

THE MANTLE IS NOT JUST A MINISTRY – IT IS NOT MERELY A CALLING – FOR MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN (Jesus' Words in Matthew 22:14).

THE MANTLE IS WHOSE WE ARE, AND WHOM WE ARE BECOMING LIKE... BY ABIDING IN HIS PRESENCE, VIRTUE, AND GLORY – DAILY!!!

WHEN WE HAVE REGARDED GOD IN OUR HEARTS IN THIS WAY, WE ARE IN POSITION TO DELEGATE HIS AUTHORITY AND BLESSINGS TO OTHERS – AND WE THEN ARE ABLE TO PASS “THE MANTLE” (THE COVERING AND COVENANT OF GOD) ON TO OTHER CHOSEN ONES WHOM GOD HAS INDICATED TO US, WHEN WE HAVE ABIDED IN THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS COVERING!!!

Psalm 91:1

- (1) **He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

1Kings 19:19

(19) So he [edit: **Elijah**, that is] 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.**

Elisha didn't receive the mantle solely when Elijah was taken from him up into Heaven, when his cloak fell to the ground after Elijah's body was no longer able to keep it – but he received it when God told Elijah to ANOINT Elisha:

1Kings 19:15-16

(15) **And the LORD said unto him** [edit: **Elijah**, that is], **Go**, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria:

(16) And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and **Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.**

And then. what was Elisha's response to THAT? Look here:

1Kings 19:21

(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.**

Joshua did the same to Moses as Elisha did to Elijah:

Exodus 24:9-18

(9) **Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:**

(10) **And they saw the God of Israel:** and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and **as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.**

(11) And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also **they saw God, and did eat and drink.**

[edit: there were 75 people that went up into Mount Sinai, one of which is not mentioned: Joshua, Moses' personal minister! But ONLY 2 OF THE 75 WERE CALLED TO GO UP TO MEET WITH GOD PERSONALLY IN HIS GLORY!!! LOOK HERE]:

(12) And **the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount**, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

(13) **And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.**

(14) And **he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us**, until **we** come again unto you: and, behold, **Aaron and Hur are with you**: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

(15) **And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.**

(16) **And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.**

(17) **And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount** in the eyes of the children of Israel.

(18) **And Moses went into the midst of the cloud**, and got him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

JOSHUA WAS WITH HIM!

AFTER THAT, Elijah went up into Heaven, and the Mantle of Elijah fell from him – and THAT is when the POWER OF GOD was passed on to Elisha:

2Kings 2:14

(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.**

The FIRST Mantle was the CALLING of God – being given the anointing of His Authority – the Authority to do THE WORKS OF The Ministry – to SERVE The Lord!!!

The SECOND Mantle was THE POWER OF GOD – the “DUNAMIS” [the Greek term used by Jesus for the word “POWER”, meaning “MIRACULOUS POWER,” OR MEANING “MIRACLES,” THEMSELVES!!!]!!!

And THAT WAS THE RESULT OF SERVING THE ONE WHO HAD THE POWER FIRST: GOD!!!!!!!

AND THAT WAS THE RESULT OF SERVING “GOD’S ANOINTED,” TOO!!!!!!!

We can, likewise, see this in the life of Joshua:

Realize that the word “Minister” means “Servant” in the original languages of the Bible, which are Hebrew and Greek:

In Hebrew, it specifically means “an attendant” or one who “attends” to the needs of another – but it also means one who “CONTRIBUTES” TO another!

In the Greek language, the word Jesus used ALSO means to “attend” – or an “attendant” – but, specifically, it means to be A “WAITER!”

Joshua was Moses’ Servant – he waited on Moses, he attended to Moses’ needs, AND HE CONTRIBUTED TO MOSES’ MINISTRY IN THE UNSEEN, AND UNTOLD, REALM!!! He did the work of the Ministry WITHOUT APPLAUSE!!!

So it is that Joshua was positioned **to be one who ADDED TO MOSES’ MINISTRY WITH HIS OWN GIFTINGS AND CALLING... SO, WHERE DID THAT GET JOSHUA?**

Answer:

First of all, it got Joshua UP INTO THE GLORY OF GOD, UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VEIL OF THE CLOUD THAT COVERED MOUNT SINAI!!!

But, where did it get him later?

Secondly, it got Joshua here:

Joshua 1:1-9

- (1) Now **after the death of Moses** the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that **the LORD spoke unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister**, saying,
- (2) **Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them**, *even* to the children of Israel.
- (3) **Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you**, as I said unto Moses.
- (4) From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.
- (5) **There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee**: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
- (6) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.
- (7) **Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.**
- (8) **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**
- (9) **Have not I commanded thee?** Be strong and of a good courage; ***be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.***

And what was Joshua's response to that?

Joshua 1:10-11

- (10) **Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people**, saying,
- (11) Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for ***within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.***

And then what occurred?

Joshua 3:5-17

- (5) And **Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.**
- (6) And **Joshua spoke unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.**
- (7) And **the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.**
- (8) And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, **When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.**
- (9) And **Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.**

[Edit: Pay attention to THAT!!! JOSHUA HEARD THE WORDS OF THE LORD AND SPOKE THEM TO THE PEOPLE – JUST LIKE MOSES, WHO HAD RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!!!]

- (10) **And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you,** and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.
- (11) **Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.**
- (12) Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.
- (13) **And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon a heap.**
- (14) And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, ***and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;***
- (15) ***And as they that bore the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bore the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)***

[EDIT: EXTREME CONDITIONS – EXTREME REASON TO DOUBT – EXTREME FAITH TO BELIEVE BEYOND WHAT WAS SEEN!!!]

- (16) ***That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over*** right against Jericho.
- (17) ***And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.***

GOD, BY JOSHUA, LED THE PEOPLE INTO THE PROMISED LAND!!!!!!!

Joshua started out as Moses' Servant!!!!

Are YOU willing to take up THE MANTLE?!!

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The Oil

I don't intend to spend a lot of time and effort on explaining all that the Scriptures teach on the subject of "anointing with oil" – as it is a lengthy subject, but one that most of the body of Christ is made aware of... at least, for the most part.

The oil of anointing was used to anoint kings to their thrones, and prophets to their callings, and it is used by the elders of the Church, when believers come to present themselves to them, if they should need healing and/or forgiveness of sin(s).

Please read about this on your own – do a study on the subject of “oil” and of “anointing.”

Understand, also, that oil is representative of the Holy Spirit – and the reason that is so is that the Holy Spirit ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 10:38) – which is to say that He has received AUTHORITY... AND HE RECEIVED POWER (DUNAMIS) FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT TOO (see again Acts 10:38, but then look at Matthew 28:18 hereafter):

Matthew 28:18

(18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

The word “power” here is translated as “authority” in other translations; in the same mind, that type of “authority” is manifested in “the power of influence” - influence over everything that is physical and that is spiritual!

This word “power” is actually the word “exousia” (ex-oo-see’ ah), which, according to Strong’s Concordance/Dictionary means the following:

ability

privilege

force

capacity

competency

freedom

mastery

(concretely: *magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control*)

delegated influence

The other words that are used for this word in the New Testament are:

authority

jurisdiction

liberty

power

right

strength

ALL OF **THAT** was GIVEN to Jesus AFTER His resurrection!!!

THAT IS TRANSFERRED UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN US, GIVING US THE SAME AUTHORITY – THAT IS, THE SAME POWER OF INFLUENCE AND CAPACITY – AS JESUS HAD, AND HAS!!!

So then, we likewise understand that Jesus is The CHRIST, or The MESSIAH (properly Mashiach, in the Hebrew transliteration to English) – AND THESE TWO NAMES HAVE THE SAME MEANING: “THE ANOINTED ONE!!!”

It signifies that Jesus is God’s CHOSEN ONE: THE ONE TO WIELD GOD’S OWN AUTHORITATIVE “EXOUSIA” POWER – AND THEN, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN HIM, HE HAD RECEIVED THE “DUNAMIS” POWER TO DO THE WORKS OF MIRACLES, SIGNS, AND WONDERS, TOO!!!

There is enough stated in all of that to assert that, when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5; 2:38-39; 10:44-48; and 11:16), we are given THE VERY SAME EXOUSIA POWER (that is, AUTHORITY) THAT JESUS POSSESSED WHEN HE WAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD BEFORE HE HAD ASCENDED!!!

All said, we will leave the subject of “the differentiation of Exousia and Dunamis,” and the subject of “anointing with oil in the Name of the Lord” (see James 5:14-15 – by the way: it is THE PRAYER OF FAITH that saves/heals the sick, NOT THE OIL, ITSELF!!!)...

...and we will NOW go on to the reason for this subject of “THE OIL,” and how it relates to THE MANTLE:

THE OIL AND THE TEMPLE

We are made aware of something in the Book of 1Samuel: that which Eli, the Priest of the Lord that served in the Temple, had allowed to occur:

[Note: This Temple was NOT the one built by Solomon, but rather, the one that Moses had constructed, which was moved to Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, the promised land they had inherited – and were able to enter because of God using Joshua to lead them into it (see the following):

Joshua 22:12

(12) And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, **the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh**, to go up to war against them.

Judges 18:31

(31) And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, **all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh**.

Judges 21:19-21

(19) Then they said, Behold, ***there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.***

(20) Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

(21) And see, and, **behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh**, and go to the land of Benjamin.

1Samuel 1:3

(3) And **this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.**

What Eli had allowed was this:

1Samuel 3:1-3

- (1) And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.
- (2) And it came to pass **at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place**, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;
- (3) **And ere** [Edit: “ere” is short for “before”] **the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;**

This seems normal, right?

I mean, the Temple lamp was out for the night, while Eli and Samuel were going to sleep. So what’s the problem, you may ask? That all seems to be appropriate, right??!!

WRONG!!!!!!!!!!

Look here, in the Book of the Law of Moses, the Law of the Lord:

Exodus 35:4-5,8

- (4) And Moses spoke unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, **This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,**
- (5) **Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD;** gold, and silver, and brass,
- ...
- (8) And **oil for the light**, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

SO, NOW, LOOK HERE:

Leviticus 24:1-4

- (1) And **the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,**
- (2) **Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, *to cause the lamps to burn continually.***
- (3) **Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute forever in your generations.**
- (4) **He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.**

NOW THEN, DO YOU SEE WHERE THE WORD OF GOD ABOUT THE OIL TIES INTO THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE MANTLE, THEREBY????!!!!!!

It is so very important, even imperative, that WE DO NOT LET THE LAMP OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS GO OUT, BUT TO LET THE OIL OF HIS ANOINTING IN EACH ONE OF US BURN CONTINUALLY!!!!!!!!!!

We are to be VESSELS OF HONOUR UNTO GOD, EVEN IN THE TEMPLES OF OUR BODIES (1Corinthians 6:19-20) TO GLORIFY GOD WITH THEM!!!

Having said this, let's look at what happened when the Temple of Solomon was taken, when the people were taken captive into Babylon for 70 years, just at the time when they were soon coming back to Jerusalem, as was prophesied by Hananiah and Jeremiah the prophets of God:

Jeremiah 28:1-6

- (1) And it came to pass the same year, in **the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,**
- (2) **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying,** I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- (3) **Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:**
- (4) And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- (5) **Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,**
- (6) **Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.**

These believers and followers of God **reverenced the things of God**, and they **honoured the vessels that were devoted to the House of God** – and brethren, **WE ARE THOSE VESSELS**, spoken of symbolically herein!!!

However, during the time of Daniel the prophet, while Nebuchadnezzar's son, Belshazzar (a worshipper of "Ba'al," thus "Bel" the prefix of his name), was the king of Babylon, and had the things that were taken captive there in Babylon with him – in his palace, apparently – Belshazzar, his wives, and his officials all drank wine in those vessels, and they praised false gods whilst doing so!

Daniel 5:1-4

- (1) Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
- (2) **Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.**
- (3) **Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.**
- (4) **They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.**

Think of this: The Vessels of Honour were being used for corrupt practices by the people of the world's kingdom, the kingdom of darkness!!!

What, then, is the practical application for us today, thereby?

Look what Daniel interpreted to Belshazzar about the thing he'd seen, which had been written by the finger of God in the wall's plaster (just as God did on the 2 stone tables/tablets that Moses had hewn out of the rock for God to write the Ten Commandments on – see verse 5):

Daniel 5:17-23

- (17) Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet **I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.**
- (18) **O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:**
- (19) And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.
- (20) **But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:**
- (21) **And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.**
- (22) And **thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;**
- (23) **But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone,** which see not, nor hear, nor know: **and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:**

And this is what God pronounced unto Belshazzar for doing this, as Daniel had interpreted:

Daniel 5:26-30

- (26) **This is the interpretation** of the thing: MENE; **God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.**
- (27) TEKEL; **Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.**
- (28) PERES; **Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.**
- (29) Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- (30) **In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.**

So then, the dishonour by the people of darkness using the vessels of God's Glory, **His Temple Vessels of Gold – US – WAS DETHRONED AND DISSOLVED, AND THAT KINGDOM CAME TO NOUGHT (that is NOTHING), AND THE END WAS THAT THE KING OF THAT DOMAIN WAS KILLED!!!**

But what happened to the Vessels, themselves, after all of that occurred?

They were later brought back into the Restored and Rededicated House of God in Jerusalem, under the watchful eyes and prophesying of Haggai the prophet (see Ezra 5:1,11-17).

So, what happened to the ones that were not cleansed and sanctified thereafter? Well, we don't know that there were any such vessels thereof...

...but what does this say from the New Covenant of the Lord Jesus Christ to US, His Temple Vessels? Let's look here:

1Corinthians 3:13-17

- (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
(14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
(15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
(16) **Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**
(17) **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

So then, brothers and sisters, what does God's Word warn us of that can keep that from being our end?

Look here, as I end with these words:

2Timothy 2:19-22

- (19) Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.** And, **Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**
(20) But **in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.**
(21) **If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**
(22) **Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

BE A VESSEL OF HONOUR!!!

DON'T LET THE OIL RUN DRY!!!

DON'T LET THE LAMP WITHIN YOU GO OUT!!!

LET THE MANTLE BURN BRIGHTLY!!!!!!!

THE LORD KNOWS YOU!!!!!!!

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