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Topic: Prophets of Fire and Water: Loyal to the End

Scripture text: 2 Kings 2:1-18

1. Elisha remained a loyal servant to Elijah for 9 years even though God's calling for Elisha was to succeed Elijah as the head prophet. Biblical loyal is to follow the right person or institution that is obeys God's Word.

2. Elisha's loyalty was tested thrice when Elijah asked Elisha not to follow him to the three places that he will be visiting. However, Elisha was adamant to follow Elijah wherever he goes because Elisha wanted to abide in God's calling in his life as the future head prophet. When our loyalty is towards Christ, He will keep us faithful when we are being tested.

3. Elisha had a spiritual loyalty towards Elijah when his last request from Elijah was a spiritual desire. He prayed for God's grace to continue in a ministry with many trials by having a double portion of the Holy Spirit to guide him. Having a spiritual mind will help us to remain loyal to the right people. If not, we might end up like Judas Iscariot who betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ for carnal gain.

4. Elisha treated Elijah with loyalty even after he was taken up into heaven by a whirlwind. He mourned Elijah's departure. Elisha officially succeeded Elijah as head prophet after he parted the waters with Elijah's mantle. Elisha followed the right person and remained faithful to the Lord even in the absence of Elijah. By God's grace, let us be faithful to God and His servants always.