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"A Double Portion of Thy Spirit."

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Oak Hill Church

Scripture Lesson:- 2 Kings 2: 1-12.

Text:- 1 Kings 2: 9.

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Text:- Elijah's last day on earth was full of dramatic interest. Accompanied by Elisha he visited the schools of the prophets. Here Elisha is told that Elijah is to be taken away. Elisha in some manner knew it and did not wish to talk about it. Then after they have crossed Jordan, Elijah says to the young man, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." Elisha's reply is our text. - "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon thee."

This Request not Selfish.

1. He asked for it to live and do God's work. Living is a more serious matter than dying.
2. Elisha was to stand before wicked kings and ungodly men as God's messenger.

The manner of Elijah's Going
a Strengthening of Elisha's Faith.

1. Made reality of unseen life more real.

2. made Elisha feel that Elijah was not dead.

A Double Portion of thy Spirit.
What was it?

I. A Living Faith in Presence & Power of God in the World.

1. This was source of Elijah's power. God was real to him. This gave him courage. Sent him before Ahab, to house of widow of Zarephath, that gave him victory on Mt Carmel. His faith in presence & power of God made him feared. His God heard and answered prayer.

John Knox had such a faith
Martin Luther had such a faith
John Wesley had such a faith
Philip von Otterbein had such a faith

2. We need a Double Portion of such a spirit.

II. Spirit of Obedience

1. He obeyed God. He obeyed promptly. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Nothing else can take the place of obedience

2. This is what we need today.

Are you doing what God wants you
to do - in your personal life - in
your church life?

III. Spirit of Supreme Courage,
Born of Faith and Obedience.

1. He feared not the face
of man. He feared only God.
He feared not to face sins ^{his} ~~and~~
day. Courage always to stand for the
right. We need such a spirit, a double
portion of it. ^{Courage to face sins and}
^{denounce them, rather}
^{than to stand for right.}

Concl: - Elisha a man of like passions
as we are, yea he became an
outstanding man to such an extent
that the young man whom he had
called out of his father's field to be
his helper, could ask nothing greater
of him than a double portion of
his spirit. - Why should not we