

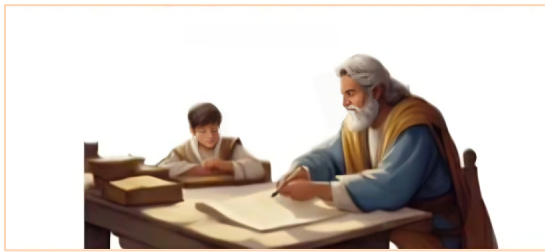
BIBLICAL TRANSITION

A Lord's Flock Praise & Worship Topic

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Transition is a process or a period of changing from one state (or condition) to another. It is characterized by a specific sequence and progression. Every time we have a transition, there is change, movement, conversion and we are able to adopt new things. During a transition, it is particularly important that we all fix our eyes on God.



1. There are examples of transition in the Bible:

1.1. Moses and Joshua. When Moses was old, the Lord showed him Joshua as his successor. Moses paved the way for him. There were three stages in Moses' life: Forty years as the prince of Egypt (Acts 7:23); forty years in isolation and solitude (Exo. 7:7, Acts 7: 30); forty years as a man of God. In the end, the Lord told Moses he should not cross the Jordan River and enter the promised land; instead, he should command Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan River (Deut. 3:4-7). Moses died at the age of one hundred twenty.

1.2 King David and Solomon. King David transferred the reign of his kingdom to Solomon (1Kgs. 1:32-35, 39-40).

1.3 Jesus to His Disciples. Jesus developed His disciples during the three years of His public life through teaching, coaching, and modeling. He appointed the twelve disciples.

1.4 Paul and Timothy. Paul's transition to Timothy was a process of mentoring and leadership development. Timothy joined Paul in his journey, and their relationship grew to the point that Paul called Timothy "my true son in the faith" (1Tim. 1:2).

2. Elijah and Elisha. The ministry of Elijah was ending and the Lord identified Elisha as his successor (2 Kgs 2:1-14).

2.1. Stay a little closer. Elisha was always with Elijah. They were one mind, one heart, one spirit (Sirach 6:33-36). They were like father

and son. Elisha learned by helping and watching Elijah. He was extremely committed to Elijah.

◆ Similarly, as we come to hear the word of God, we are being trained to be disciples.

◆ To be wise, we need to keep company with the elders and listen closely to their wisdom.

2.2. Test of Faithfulness of Elisha. Along the way to Gilgal, Elijah said to Elisha, "stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel, Jericho, and Jordan." But Elisha was persistent and always kept his eyes on Elijah (2 Kgs.2:2-4). Elisha passed the tests.

◆ We must also be persistent and committed in our work in the ministry.

2.3. Elisha received the double portion of anointing. A first-born would receive a double portion of inheritance (Deut. 21:17). Elisha asked to be treated as Elijah's son to have confirmation that he will be successful in continuing Elijah's work. Elijah could not give it. Only God could grant his request. The transition of Elijah to Elisha occurred when Elijah's cloak fell over Elisha's shoulder signifying Elisha's call to be his disciple and attendant (2 Kgs 2:12).

3. What does the prophet's cloak symbolize?

3.1. It is a calling and a commitment invitation to step into a new role as a prophet.

3.2. It is the transfer of authority and anointing.

3.3. It means empowerment, divine support and guidance.

3.4. It is a connection to tradition through mentorship and the passing of spiritual wisdom.

Conclusion:

All of us are part of the Community's transition. From our pool will come the next set of leaders. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and on the anointed leaders, so that we walk together during the transition.

Reflection:

1. How often do you let the things which do not really matter completely capture your attention?
2. How can you change your focus from the temporary things in life to the eternal things?

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