

The Forged Mantles of the Melchizedek Priest

1. The Mantle of Sonship

And I looked, and saw that he was no longer of the world.

For the Spirit of God led him, and he was called a son.

And the covenant spoke, saying: Ye shall be the children of Christ, His sons and His daughters.

Thus he wears the mantle of sonship, not by men's words, but by the oath of the Father.

> Precepts: Romans 8:14; Mosiah 5:7

2. The Mantle of Priesthood

And the record declared: Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

And Alma cried, saying: They were prepared from the foundation of the world, called with a holy calling.

So he walks in a mantle ancient and eternal, chosen before breath entered his body.

> Precepts: Hebrews 7:17; Alma 13:3

3. The Mantle of Intercession

And the word came, saying: Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation.

And Mosiah testified: Stand as witnesses of God at all times, in all things, in all places.

Thus he carries the mantle of intercession—his life itself is a prayer, his breath a witness before heaven and earth.

> Precepts: 1 Peter 2:9; Mosiah 18:9

4. The Mantle of Warfare

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers.

And the covenant gave armor, saying: Take the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of My Spirit.

So he wears the mantle of warfare; his baptism was his draft, and his walk is his battle.

> Precepts: Ephesians 6:12; Doctrine and Covenants 27:18

5. The Mantle of Inheritance

And it is written: If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

And Nephi spoke, saying: He covenanted with all the house of Jacob, never to cast them off. Thus he carries the mantle of inheritance, sealed into the promises of Israel, grafted into the everlasting covenant.

> Precepts: Galatians 3:29; 2 Nephi 10:18

Closing Charge Declaration

And now I charge thee, in the name of Christ:

Stir up the gift that is within you, and walk worthy of the mantle you bear.

For you are not called to fear, but to power, to love, and to a sound mind.

Endure in this priesthood, for the Spirit Himself beareth witness that you are a son, a priest, a witness, a warrior, and an heir.

The mantles are upon you — wear them with fire until the end.

> Precepts: 2 Timothy 1:6–7; Romans 8:16–17; Matthew 24:13