

Biblical Proof for Relics

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6) As you can see, the veneration of relics is purely Biblical, and approved of by God Himself, Who is the One Who gives power to these materials objects. Catholics thank the Lord for His benefits bestowed upon the relics of His Saints, which help us in this mortal life.

5) In 1 Kings 13:21, a man is cast into the sepulchre of Elisha, and when he touched the bones, or relics, or Elisha, he was revived and restored to health.



2) The woman with the issue of blood, reached out to touch the hem of Christ's mantle, as represented in the image on the left. Before she could touch it, Christ, knowing of her deed, turned around and healed her. Notice He does not chide her for trying to touch the mantle, but rather blessed her for her faith in the power of His mantle to heal! She no doubt felt unworthy to ask Him for a healing, but rather wanted to humbly receive a blessing by turning to His clothing, which she had faith could heal her. (Cf. Matt 9:20-22)

4) When the Prophet Elijah was assumed body and soul by God, Elisha took the mantle of Elijah, which he knew God had blessed, and after the blessed Prophet was taken, Elisha used the mantle to part the waters of the Jordan River, thus displaying that the relic of Elijah had power even over the waters of the Jordan! (Cf. 1 Kings 2: 11-14)

3) In Acts 5:15, St. Peter's own shadow is said to heal people. The text says that the people were eager to get out into the streets to wait for St. Peter to walk by. Thus, God inspired the people to go out into the street, then He used the shadow of St. Peter to perform the healing.

2) In Acts 19: 11-12, St. Paul's handkerchief and apron could heal the sick and exorcise demons. Notice in Verse 11 it says that God wrought "special miracles by the hands of Paul" (KJV). So we see here that God uses the material objects of His servants to bless, heal and strengthen! To this very day God thus works, using the good Creation to affect the salvation of man! (Cf. The Crucifixion, where Christ died on a material Cross made of wood)