

think there is any comparison to the other. Both are cases of smiting. One is simply a sign and in this case he smote the rock and the water did come out probably from where he smote. When I was a little boy I learned and my folks were quite pleased about it. ~~They~~ They told me that before I ~~went~~ ^{learned} to turn on the tap

and bring water out from it, I would tap the tap lightly with my finger and water would come out. That served the purpose.

(Question) Stops and notices the problem there -- a sort of magical interpretation. Why is Elisha angry? If Elisha hadn't told ~~them~~ he had no right to be angry. If Elisha had told him it is inconceivable that the king would have done it. It takes a little bit of thought to get the interpretation out of it. I think it is true that the Bible is a book in which the great teachings of salvation are so clear that a way faring man need not err therein. But it is also a book which contains such a tremendous amount of the teaching of the mind of God that it is impossible within the limits of the book to get all the circumstances in all the surrounding situations and if on the subsidiary matters ~~and take~~ a man takes hasty or superficial conclusions a man is going to get into contradictions and misunderstandings and difficulties. That is one of the reasons why we have so many different cults and isms. People take a verse or two and on the mere obvious interpretation of the verse apart from context reach a conclusion and they build a church on it. You have all sorts of divisions and strife over matter which would be entirely unnecessary if people would study the book as a whole and go thoroughly into its teaching. It is a very simple book for the great teachings of salvation. It is a very profound book the deeper teachings of which are not to be secured ~~by a merely~~ by a merely obvious and superficial reason. It requires deep study and careful consideration.

W Well, now the death of Elisha described here in this thirteenth chapter and then there is the little thing that happened afterwards that when they were taking -- Elisha died and they buried him. Now look at the contradiction. In