

had this specific message which was part of the sign He was with him. He was to show God's displeasure with the act of Jeroboam by giving the predictions and then by refusing to have any part or parcel with him, simply turning and returning to his home by a different way ~~thax~~ from the way that he had come. He was to have absolutely nothing to do with the city which was going into this wickedness.

So this was a definite explicit command of God. Then we read in verse 11 that there was an old prophet who was at home and his sons came in and they told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, and we can well imagine what the sons said. They came in and said, "Oh, father you should ~~have~~ been down in town today. If we had realized what was going to happen even though you don't get out much any more, we would have just picked things up and

carried you down there and have you see it. You've been telling us that these are ~~thax~~ degenerate days when everybody just falls into with what the king does and follows along with it and nobody is ready to stand for God the way they used to in the good old days when you were young and in the days ~~whax~~ of David when people really stood for God. If you had been down there today, you would have seen a real stand for the Lord. There was a man that stood up and defied the king right to his face." They described it to their father and said how they knew how the father would have loved to see it, and they said, "There is a man, father, after your own heart. You would just have thrilled with seeing him. It is awful for you to have lost the chance to meet him and to become acquainted with him. Perhaps when you were young and studied in Jerusalem, well, he would hardly be one he knew because the prophet was too old for that, but maybe he was a son of one of your old classmates or something. It's an awful thing you didn't get a chance to meet ~~ix~~ him there. When the old prophet heard about this and realized what he had missed—a chance to see something really standing for the Lord the way he often thought, "If only I wasn't so old and so decrepit, think what I would say to Jeroboam." So the father said, "Where did he go?" The sons told him off to the right. So the father said, "Saddly be the ass." So the