

sons saddled the ass and the ~~man~~ old man who hadn't gotten out very much in a long time was filled with energy with the thought of this fellowship with a real man of God. So he saddled the ass, and he rode on it. He went down that road and he came down a distance and he found that the man of God ~~asked~~ after his terrific nerve strain standing before the king there, not knowing what the king might do to him and facing that situation there and turning down the king's invitation and so on, he was pretty tired after all that, and he hadn't gotten very far out of the city before he ~~asked~~ got off the ass and sat down to rest for a while. He was down there and was sitting there, and the man said, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

"Oh," he said, "come home with me. Let's have some fellowship together."

"Well," he said, "that's certainly nice," ~~but~~ He felt quite different about going to eat with an old prophet from going to eat with a king, a wicked king. He said, "I'd like to go but I must not do it. I can't eat bread or even drink water with you in this place. If you would only come down to Jerusalem we could have some real fellowship, but I can't eat bread or drink water with you here ~~because~~ because the word of the Lord said to me ~~that~~ 'You must not eat bread or drink water nor turn again by the way that you came.'" The old prophet just longed for his fellowship so much that he said to himself, "I'll tell him a little white lie. It won't do any harm--just a little white lie." He said, "I'm a prophet as you are and an angel spoke to me by the ~~word~~ word of God and said, 'Bring him back with you into thy house that he may eat bread and drink water.'"

Well, now how could one prophet tell whether the other prophet had a message from God or not? He had no way to tell. This is what the other prophet said, ~~and~~ "An angel spoke to me." But we read that he lied to him. He was pretty tired and he longed for fellowship and he was all alone here and so what couldn't be accomplished with a direct attack when the king was going to kill him and what couldn't be accomplished by the very clear effort of the king to win him away from his loyalty was accomplished here by this subtle attack and by this lie. ~~Satan~~ If Satan can't find one way to lead us astray, we can be sure that he