

is far more difficult. The question is what direction are they going, whether they are regenerate and in the direction of sanctification or whether they are worldly and going in the direction of Satan's leading.

Well, now the work of Elijah then began with this prediction. This prediction ~~of the~~ "As the Lord lives there will not be dew nor rain but according to my word." Is that a literal prediction or is it figurative? Is he here saying, "in view of the attitude that Ahab takes that there will not be the dew of the teaching of the word, the reign of baptism upon the land. Is that what ~~xxx~~ he is saying or is he giving a specific, literal statement? I think that there is no question that in this state it is a specific, literal statement that he is making. So then we read that Lord told him to flee. Elijah in his own wisdom might have said, "Well, now I have made a great announcement and the people are soon going to be coming and asking for advice. They are going to be looking for me and they are not going to hurt me because they are going to want to know how to get this drought stopped." But the Lord said, "Elijah, flee. At present I don't want you in the situation. You had a work to do then and you have got a work to do in the future, but right now ~~xxx~~ the thing for you to do is to make yourself scarce. I don't you desire you to be there just at present." So Elijah fled and ~~there~~ as the drought got worse we read that the raven brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening. He drank of the brook in this place out in the wilderness where Elijah was hiding--a wonderful miracle. If you will point the Hebrew a little different, just a ~~xxx~~ change of the vowel, and the vowels are not inspired as you know, you read the Arabs brought him bread and flesh in the morning and ~~xxx~~ bread and flesh in the evening. So there are those who try to escape the wonderful ~~xxx~~ work of God here by making it the Arabs instead of the ravens who brought him the bread and flesh. Now, of course, it would be just as easy for God to use Arabs for the purpose as to use ravens. But this traditional interpretation of this passage has always been that the word here is to be ^{pointed} ~~interpreted~~ ravens and interpreted ravens, and there are