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His greatest interest in this world is in Jesus Christ.

Observe the character of those who were sent to do homage to the Lord Jesus Christ. Moses and Elijah were no ordinary men. Few men in all the history of the world have shown a greater degree of heroism than was manifested by these men, during their earthly lives. Moreover their heroism was no mere animal courage. It was a courage which came from consciousness of their mission as emissaries of the most high God.

Moses stood before Pharaoh, the exalted monarch of Egypt, and defied him, in the name of God. He was used to break the hold of a tyrant on an oppressed people, and to lead them out into the wilderness. His greatness did not stop at that, either. Many a man who is a great leader in conflict and revolution proves incompetent for the building up of an abiding structure. But Moses welded a rebellious people, just out of slavery, into a great nation. Through him God gave laws that laid the foundation of a great theocracy. A man who towered above his fellows as a lofty mountain towers above its surrounding foothills, was Moses. And this Moses did homage to Jesus Christ.

Elijah was a unique character. Coming from the wilderness, a man unused to king's palaces, he dared to stand before King Ahab and proclaim judgment upon him for his rebellion against the laws of God. Alone he faced the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. The secret of his power lay in the first words which the Bible quotes from him, "As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand". Elijah did not fear to stand before kings, because he stood regularly before the King of Kings. His bold,