

wonder at first sight, just what is its meaning for the Christian. And yet as ^{you} ~~we~~ go through this I am sure that you will see many suggestions, many ideas in it, which can be of real value to you in the rest of your lives, in order to accomplish the utmost for the Lord. We ^{will} just glance ~~at~~ two or three of them, then I want to direct our attention mostly to one verse which has been a real blessing ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ my life, and which I think can be a real blessing ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ yours. But first we notice what we read here, how the king of Syria said, in verse 24, when God saw it was necessary to do something drastic in order to teach the king of the Israelites, he said, do this thing, take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms. In their rooms, is Old English for in their places, in their stead. Take the kings away and put captains in their stead.

I was talking with a man about a certain organization in England a few years ago, and this man said to me, I ^{have} ~~had~~ heard rumors that ^{modernism} ~~modernist~~ was getting into this certain organization. I asked this man if it were true. He said no it is not. But he said the organization isn't doing the work it should but he said the trouble with it is not modernism, it is anno domini. By that he meant that men who had been very, very fine years ago, were still in ~~of~~ the direction of it. This can impede ~~any~~ sort of work, but more so yet, when it is their children or grandchildren. The kings here are the people who are in there on account of their prestige, or their past achievements, or some other reason than their present fitness for the post. And the Lord wants us as we try to advance in ~~his~~ work to take an example even from this heathen king Ben-hadad, take the kings away and put captains in their places, put men who are qualified and trained, instead of men who have certain prestige that gives them a particular position. He ~~was~~ saw the situation was serious and he girded himself for it. And if we are to serve the Lord effectively, we are dealing with a serious business, we want to get the people in all the areas of the work who are fitted for it, able to accomplish something, not simply those who delight, or have some particular reason to feel that we should (8 1/2) in a