

not so interested in bringing ;to you the mighty power of God as He did these miraculous works that He sent fire down from heaven, <sup>and</sup> set the sacrifice on fire which had been so smothered with water, and as <sup>He</sup> made the ax swim, and as He did ~~other~~ these other marvellous supernatural acts which played such a great part in the success of Elijah and Elisha. <sup>I am not</sup> ~~Unless we are~~ so interested in that now, ~~but am interested in~~ as I am in the two men and those things that they did or failed to do which can be more of an example <sup>for</sup> to us. In other words, I am taking the same attitude as the New Testament writer James took. James knew all about <sup>the</sup> this great miracle, but James did not refer to Elijah to say, Look at the marvellous power ~~xxxx~~ of God which He showed with <sup>the</sup> great miracles He worked through Elijah and Elisha. It is good to do that. And we ~~will~~ <sup>it</sup> do ~~the same~~ sometimes. But James did not say, Elijah prayed to God, and he said, let fire come down from heaven and <sup>lift</sup> this water-soaked ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> animal to show what was absolutely contrary to ~~the~~ nature, the tremendous manifestation of power of God. What ~~xxx~~ James said, James 5: <sup>in</sup> 16 to 17: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a ~~righteous~~ man avail<sup>eth</sup> much. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly ~~and~~ that ~~it did not rain~~ - <sup>and it rained not</sup> it might not rain on the earth by the space of three <sup>year</sup> and six months. <sup>And</sup> He prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if ~~you~~ <sup>any</sup> one of you ~~xxxx~~ err from truth, and one convert him, let him know that he <sup>which</sup> ~~has~~ converted a sinner from the error of his way shall save a ~~xxxx~~ soul from ~~the~~ dead, and shall hide a multitude of sin. James used Elijah as an example, not of this unusual remarkable outpouring of God, <sup>the power of which</sup> but ~~He~~ has done occasionally <sup>in</sup> carrying out his determination to preserve a witness in the world, but as an instance of showing how a man can be marvellous <sup>used</sup> of God, if that man will pray and keep his eyes <sup>on</sup> on the Lord.