

And there have been instances ~~of this~~ in the world ^{is} history, doubtless, where about ^{as} menaces ~~are just about as great as that~~ of ^{the} Baal worship in Israel ^{had} come into a land, a ^{man} of God ^{have} prayed and worked and struggled, and looked to God, and God has providentially worked, without these miracles, but providentially has worked, ~~without these miracles, but providentially worked~~ and led them and used them to put a stop to it. ~~At last there was more~~ ^{But alas} ~~where~~ such terrible menaces have come into a land and ~~men~~ have fallen short, and failed to stop it, and it has meant the end of Christianity for the true belief in that area. So, even aside from this unusual ^{thing of} God's ^{determined} ~~permanent~~ activity, in pouring out these great miracles, there is a ~~at~~ tremendous amount that we can learn from Elijah and Elisha and how they met this great missionary challenge, and how they succeeded in it. So, the ~~the~~ situation is that ~~this~~ is one of the greatest menaces to the worship of God in all of history and a case where as a ~~result~~ result of the work of Elijah and Elisha, this menace was completely rolled ~~away~~ back and the northern kingdom continued for another century, / as ^a great center of the worship of God and made a buffer to keep it from getting into the southern kingdom, which it would have completely destroyed, if ~~it~~ had gotten in there effectively and lasted there with power. And so the situation is a very, very vital one, but it is simply ~~not~~ typical of the situation ^{that} It always faces us ~~as~~ as we face the tremendous power of ~~God's~~ sin in the world. Secondly we note the accomplishment of the two men. And we need to think ~~about~~ ^{of} Elijah's and ~~Elisha's~~ Elisha's work as a unit. Elijah came into a situation in which the Baal worship was spreading among the leaders of the land, and the people were seeing that the ^{fastest way to} political ~~and~~ advancement was ^{to give} support ^{to} for the worship of Baal. There, suddenly out of the ~~desert~~ ^{and} appears this wild looking man ~~standing~~ ^s standing before the king ~~as~~