

not for Elisha's work ~~h~~ which succeeded. So the two form a unit. How wonderful it is that in the working of God ^{that} the two came in the order they did. Suppose ^{that} they ^{had} come in in the reverse order. In the reverse order the accomplishment would have ~~been~~ ^{slight} been comparatively ~~small~~. Elisha would have had his little group of ~~his~~ faithful followers which might have persisted three or four generations and Elijah's great dramatic accomplishments ~~box~~ might have enabled ~~Elisha~~ ^{his} Elijah's little group to grow ^{to} ~~three~~ ~~four~~ or four times ~~of~~ of its size. But otherwise it would ~~h~~ not have accomplished much. The order in which they ~~occurred~~ ^{occurred} ~~came~~, and the relationship of each to the other was tremendously important in this great accomplishment which they made. Now, we are interested ~~in~~ today particularly in Elijah. And ~~is~~ of course, ~~if~~ if I were speaking to people who ~~do~~ ^{do} not know the Bible, we would need to take an hour or so describing the great events ~~in~~ in I Kings ~~17~~, 17, 18, and 19, those tremendous experiences of Elijah. We just have not the time to ~~do~~ do that, and I want to draw conclusions from them today, and so I will jump around among these events, ~~of~~ ^{with} which I trust most of you are familiar. ^{with} ~~I~~ I want now to look at Elijah's great qualities. And the two great qualities that surely stand out in ^{our} minds when we think of Elijah are, first his faith in God. That appears in the very first ~~verse~~ ^{verse} where ~~it~~ ^{he} first appears. "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, " perhaps a sojourner would have been a better translation, way out there on the outskirts of the land, way over ~~across~~ ^{there} the Jordan in Gilead, and among the sojourners ~~in the~~ Gilead there is a man, Elijah the Tishbite, ~~no~~ ^{no} body has ever heard of him. He was not mentioned anywhere. We do ~~not~~ not know his geneology. We do not know his background. We do not know his training. We have descriptions of him ~~which~~ ^{was} which shows that he ~~is~~ somewhat like the John the Baptist, ~~the~~ ^a man