

He knew that God was protecting him, and he had no fear. Tremendous faith in God and tremendous boldness, Elijah's great quality ^{it} which God so marvellously used, but now, let us look at Elijah's failure ^{to me}. That ^{is} one of the saddest things in the Bible, ~~This~~ is Elijah's failure. If God had not sent Elisha ~~///~~, Elijah's work would have ~~been~~ disappeared, and ~~would have~~ accomplished very little.

What were his failures? Well, his most ~~outstanding~~ outstanding and conspicuous failures ~~was-~~ were at the very point of his greatness, the points where he seemed to be the greatest, and he was ordinarily, ^{and} these two points were the points ^{where he failed} where he failed most ~~is~~ signally. Before we ^{speak of that} look at that, let us see other ~~failures~~ failures. Elijah stood alone. ~~We~~ We found him..

How marvellous it was for him to face the king all alone, and he faced the prophets of Baal, but he did not only face them, he stood alone against everybody else. He had ^{a gruffness} ~~stupidness~~ about him. ^{The king says,} ~~Of the king,~~ the sons of the prophets, he said, ^{the} poor superstitious fools, He did not bother his ^{head} .. about them. He did not try to teach them. He did not try to help them. He stood alone. Even Elisha God said to him, down at Mt. Carmel there, ~~He~~ said, You go and anoint ~~Elijah~~ Elisha to be your successor. What did Elijah do? ^{in part} ~~He~~ went ~~out and passed~~ the farm where this wealthy young farmer Elisha was plowing with all these ^{many} ~~men~~ ^{yokes of} with yokes and oxen before him, Elijah went up and throw his coat over his head. Elisha came running to him and ^{he} said, Wait, ~~wi~~ till I say goodbye to my parents and I will come with you. And Elijah said, what have I to do with you? But Elisha had been thinking about it, and knowing about Elijah's great work, wishing he could help ~~him~~ ^{on} in the work. Elisha was ready to come and be his servant and pour water over his hands when he washed ^{and do the principal memorial} his hands to ~~the~~ ~~back~~.