

tasks, Elijah sat around out there on the ground outside the farm where Elisha ^{while} gave a feast to the people there and killed ^{the ox} an ox and said to his family. Then Elijah ~~stopped~~ stalked off, and Elisha walked along behind him. Even after, — we do not know how many years ^{Elisha} ~~Elijah~~ had been following with him, — ~~We~~ and trying to learn from him. When Elijah was going to be taken up. He says to Elisha, You stay here, I have to go ~~to~~ over this way. Elisha knew what was ahead ~~of~~ ^{and} Elisha ~~refutes the statement~~ ^{refused to stay} and the right ^{at the very} last minute ^{before Elijah} when Elisha was taken ^{up, he} up Elisha said, he said to Elijah, — Elisha, Ask me what I shall do for you ^{would} before I am taken up. Elisha said, I like to be your successor, and carry on your work. And Elijah said, That is a hard thing. How could you be my successor? Well, he says, if you are able to see me when I am taken up, then maybe you will. I do not really think that you are up to it at all. And God had told him ^{we don't know} ~~before~~ how many years ^{before} ago, You anoint Elisha to be your successor. But he could not see how Elisha could take his place. He had ^a gruffness about him. He ~~an~~ had an unwillingness to recognize ^{the} good qualities of other people, ^{He could not work with} ~~good works~~ ~~that~~ of other people. ~~W~~ Elijah was a great man, but he was a man of very great weaknesses, and it was ^{partly} as the result of this that his great failure occurred, and if it was not for the marvellous wonder-acting of God, Elijah's work would have ~~d~~ just disappeared ~~into~~ — into nothingness. ~~What~~ ^{What} was Elijah's great failure? Well, we noticed ~~that~~ his great ~~failures~~ ^{great} faith in God and his boldness; those were his great strengths. Did he ~~always~~ always ~~show~~ show his faith in God? Did he always ~~show~~ show boldness? Well, he never showed ~~his~~ faith in God more and never showed boldness more than in I Kings 18 ~~where~~ ^{when} he stood against 450 prophets of Baal, and he stood alone, and wiped them out and destroyed their work. He never showed more faith in God. He never showed more boldness than that. He never ~~showed~~ ^{showed} more boldness than