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for us to realize what we learn about God's ~~grace~~ through them, but the other approach which I <sup>have take</sup> ~~took~~ is I think also important, that we learn through them apart from the miracles how God used their character and how He used their efforts and how He worked providentially ~~with their~~ - in connection with their lives, and how he fit them together and what he accomplished and it is always possible that He will work similarly through us today if we keep our eyes fixed ~~upon~~ Him as Elijah and Elisha did. Now, there have ~~it~~ been great Elijahs in history. There have been men who have made <sup>a</sup> great stand ~~and~~ made a tremendous message, and ~~had~~ affected a whole nation which sometime has had ~~a~~ lasting result, for centuries, and in ~~another~~ <sup>other</sup> cases ~~it~~ has been largely forgotten within fifteen or twenty years. <sup>an</sup> Elijah may have a great effect and may not, <sup>on</sup> It depends largely on the follow up, whether there <sup>is</sup> Elisha or not. He may have ~~had~~ ~~no~~ lasting result or he may have ~~had~~ ~~practically~~ tremendous lasting result, <sup>and</sup> Elisha is bound to have some result that is lasting and that is effective. If Elijah had never been there, and Elisha had started out with <sup>his</sup> acts of kindness, with his <sup>of</sup> helpfulness, with his winning the people to see his interest in them and to look toward the God that he believed in, he would have reached <sup>a</sup> the very few people, and doubtless in a deep thoroughgoing way the effect would have gone on with their children and with their families, and ~~it~~ might have lasted several generations. The work of Elijah without any Elisha following might have been just a meteor ~~across~~ <sup>the work of</sup> across the sky, and no lasting effect. Elisha's work without Elijah would have <sup>been sure to have</sup> ~~ensured~~ ~~that~~ some lasting effect <sup>though</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>if</sup> Elijah had not preceded him, <sup>likely have</sup> ~~it~~ would <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ have been one <sup>so</sup> ~~so~~ great, even that

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