

to see if they can find a prophet. In a difficult situation somebody says,

Oh, here is ~~a~~ ^{this} fellow ~~Elijah here~~ ^{Elisha here} Elisha here that poured water on the hands of Elijah. They think of him ^{as} just ~~as~~ a fellow who helped Elijah.

~~But~~ They thought very differently of him than that before the end of his life,

But Elisha was not ~~wax~~ worried about what they thought of him. He sincerely

meant it when he said, ^{with} If I can just be Elijah and pour water on his hands

and do the menial tasks and learn from him, I shall be happy, because I

know that I ^{will be} am in a place of blessing, the place ^{of} honor to the Lord.

In II Kings 2 we see more, of course, about his relationship to Elijah in that

last scene. Think of Elijah there. ~~These men in the Old Testament~~ ^{in the New Testament}

says, Elijah was a man of like passions like ourselves. We certainly see

that evidence ⁱⁿ chapter 2 here where Elijah says to Elisha, Tarry here.

The Lord has called me there. And Elisha says, as the Lord liveth and ^{as thy} my

soul liveth, I will not leave thee. He knew that he should stay close to

Elijah, and God had said to Elijah. Thou shalt anoint ~~Elijah~~ Elisha, the son

of Shaphat, to be ~~the~~ prophet in thy place. But Elijah did not anoint Elisha. He

did not even suggest to Elisha ^{that} there ^{was} a possibility that this young ^{clay} ~~lad~~

~~who has followed up his work~~ ^{will} would follow up his work. He would

not admit it himself, Elijah ^{wouldn't, though he} really knew that God had declared ^{it}. And so,

here he tries to get ~~of~~ rid of Elisha before he is taken up, but Elisha stays

with him, in a very nice way. When ~~he~~ the sons of prophets come around, ^{and}

^{say} you know, your master is going to be taken ~~up~~ away from you today? ^{Evidently} ~~Apparently~~

~~God had given them some sort of revelation.~~ ^{must have} Evidently God had given them

some sort of revelation. Elisha said, Yes, I know it, but hold you your peace.

Don't interfere ~~with it.~~ Don't interfere ~~with it.~~ And he takes this humble