

prepare for it and try to be in such situations that we will avoid it and keep the Lord no matter what comes. This is not typical of Moses at all. You remember how Moses prayed God and interceded for the people in Ex. 32? and said, Kill me, put ~~there~~ their guilt on me, but deliver the people. Moses showed a most marvellous spirit ordinarily. But here Moses was absolutely exhausted. I think we should realize the danger ourselves of getting into situations like this and I think we should learn also to have sympathy with others when they do. The way that the Lord showed sympathy with Elijah is truly wonderful. When Elijah fled at the vain threat of a ~~powerful~~powerless woman, dropped all his work and fled off into the wilderness, the Lord was tender and compassionate with him even though ~~the~~ Elijah's main work had to be ~~it~~ ended because he had proved himself unable to carry it on, yet God was compassionate and tender with him and taught him how to prepare his successor to continue the work. And here we find that though Moses fell into this situation and it is altogether understandable that he should, God was very tender and understanding with him.

D. God's Twofold Answer to Moses' Prayer . Num. 11:16-23. Moses said, "Kill me I pray thee out of hand, if I have favor in thy sight and let me not see my wretchedness." The Lord went immediately went right to Moses' situation and gave him words of help. The Lord said to Moses, "Gather to me 70 men of all the elders of Israel . . . (reading vs. 16-17). That is

1. God's Provision for Help in the Word. God saw Moses' situation and God immediately gave him help in the work. Now why didn't Moses have help already in it. It would be very difficult to get sufficient help in the situation Moses was in, but it is a great problem for anyone who is leading any kind of a work, is to get satisfactory help and to know how much you can turn over to the help that you have. It is always a great problem. Moses probably could do everything that he had to ~~do~~ do twice as well as any of the people who were helping him. And it is always a temptation when you have help that perhaps is not well trained, or perhaps don't have the ability that you have, ~~to~~ it is much easier to jump in and do it yourself than to let somebody else take twice as long and perhaps do some things wrong that you have to spend a lot of time