

But they ~~did~~ include predictions. What they did may have included a certain amount of prediction, but what Eldad said, ~~it~~ exactly what they did we don't know. But what they did evidently was something that seemed to people in the camp ~~there~~ there to set Eldad and Medad apart and to ~~mark~~ mark them as fine and very outstanding people. Because Joshua was jealous for Moses' sake. Joshua said, My lord Moses forbid them. Don't let them do this in the camp. ~~Well~~ Well, of course, (if it was) just those words you would'nt know whether it was something bad they were doing, something that needed to be stopped, something that would be harmful or what. But Moses' answer is: "Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His spirit upon them. "

So whatever Eldad and Medad were doing it was something that set them apart and made the people look up to them. Something that the ordinary person never could do. And something that made Joshua feel that they are taking the honor that belongs to Moses. I think it is very important that we take what we can definitely get from the Scripture ~~and~~ and that beyond that we don't let our imagination run, and if we do we are very careful to mark it as being not what the Word of God teaches but what we guess about it. I think that to my mind is one of the most important things in Bible interpretation. Stand on what the Bible says and recognize/in a divine Book there are <sup>bound to be</sup> many things we don't know. In fact in ~~any~~ any book there are many things we don't know. But stop where that is definite stops ~~and~~ and stand on that and if we ~~do~~ go on in speculation mark it as speculation. So much then for ~~the~~ <sup>these</sup> particular problems in this passage. You see-- As you see there are a number of important problems. But the -- But we get these problems all specifically settled and I don't know how much it means to us. The problems in the Scripture are important. It is vital we study them. That we understand them. But the purpose of the Scripture is to get God's message across to us. And the purpose of including this in the account is to tell us things that we need to know for our own pilgrimage journey.

And so we find that we look ~~under~~ at these under two subheads:

1. The Continuous Propheying Around the Tabernacle, vs. 24-25. This is what the Lord did in order to encourage Moses. These men did something there that gave