but do we have any evidence that he ever anointed him? He cast his mantle over his head. You would hardly call that apoin- anointing. What did he say here? Even at this last moment of life when he was about to be taken up into heaven, even then he cannot break down his crustiness enough to be ready to say, Oh, elisha, you are going to be my successor. He says, you are just a hard... formme. But he says, if you see me taken up, that will be the indication to you that you are really to be my successor. We will look at Elijah more later on. Now. We are interested inElijahand wehavebeen in Elisha. And we have been noticing his burlesqueness and brusiness in his character and in his attitude. Elijah had the eyes of faith to see the greatness of Elijah. He would put up with burlesqueness of Elijah and put up with his crustiness, and put up with his coarse ... features, because he realized the greatness of the man and he realizes his loyalty to God and he was simply glad to pour water on his hands, and follow him about and learn what he can- could learn from him, even though Elijah does not seem to give any evidence of showing real interest in trying to train him as successor. How we can admire the character of Elijah-Elisha at this point. In the case of Elijah it was definitely a weakness. It is a minor weakness, It is a weakness which cut down his effectiveness to some extent. We must regret it but we must be tank thankful that Elisha did not leave- let this minor weakness in the great man cause him to fail to be willing to follow up his work to do the great work that God called on Elijah-sha to do.

Now we have seen that these two great wonderful characteristics of Elijah we have noticed this and this unfortunately minor weakness in him. I do not need to take this time to go into details of the story, but I am sure that you are also familiar with the marvellous way in which God fulfilled Elijah's prophecy that the land will-would be left without reign rain until God will- would bring again Elijah to declare that the draought was over. You are all familiar with the way Elijah came back and when the prophet stood before Ahab and boldly telling Ahab to bring 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Grove and have them stand before him in order

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