

got to Samaria. Elisha was there and they had reached the man whom they were after, but they weren't able to take him. They were in a situation where Elisha was right in front of them. They had come to the one that they had been sent by the king to get, but *end of ch.* and he led them to Samaria. The ^{but} ~~thought~~, "I will bring you to the man you seek" the translator who translated "but" certainly would seem to have the impression that he was doing the opposite of what he said. Actually it doesn't seem that he was. They were after him and they were following him. They followed him to Samaria, and there, of course, they were in a place where the stronger forces of the Israelites ^{were} around them and there was nothing they could do. It is a case where there is an impression gathered from the words which is different from what the men were looking for, but it is certainly not ~~xxxx~~ a case where it is verbally wrong and it is certainly not a case where they are being led through deception into something that was happening.

(Question) They were blind. They couldn't see. God had made them so they couldn't see. (Question) No, there is a principle given in Christ's words which certainly applies to certain times, but it is like every principle in the Scripture and must be interpreted in the light of that which the different people did. Christ himself when people seized a hold of Him and they were going to throw Him down from the top of the hill in Nazareth, and He made His way out through their midst and got away. You might say He deceived them. He got away from them. He went out so they couldn't get Him and go away from them. He didn't agree with them and let them throw Him down. His time had not yet come. Later on when people said, "Don't go up to Jerusalem. You will get into danger. You will get into harm." Christ said, "I'll go to Jerusalem. It is God's will that I go to Jerusalem." There are times when that applies, and times when it doesn't. That was true in the life of Christ and it is true in the Old Testament as well.

(Question) You have to define your word. I think one of the basic principles in the Scripture that no man has a right to form a concept in his mind and then