

accomplished one hundredth as much as it did if it had not followed ~~immediately~~ ^{soon} after, ~~followed~~ soon after the work of Elijah, and had ~~a~~ ^{the} great preparation made for it that Elijah's work ~~was~~ made. Now, today, we want to look at Elisha and ^{to} see his points of strength. 1st, we notice the great humility of the man. ^{Here} It was Elisha, the son of a rich farmer, ~~driving a yoke~~. ^{plowing} plowing with twelve yoke of oxen ^{be} for him. ~~And he was~~ A wild man from the desert, ^{passes by and} casts his mantle over his head, ~~and~~ ^{and} Elisha, this ^{numbered} son of a well-to-do family, leaves his home and follows Elijah, content to be ~~the Lord's servant~~ ^{merely the Lord's servant}, the one who pours water on the hands of ^e Elijah. What ~~a~~ ^{marvellous} humility the man ~~possessed~~!

Elijah's work was all on the big scale. He declared God's judgment against the king on various occasions. He stood against the prophets of Baal, and mocked at them and jeered at them, and finally put a complete ^{ed on} end to their activity. He ~~call~~ ^{down} a fire from heaven upon the groups of ^{whom} soldiers/Ahaziah sent. He was a man who was always dabbling in big events, ~~and~~ making a great witness for Christ/ in them. Elisha was one who was content to serve the Lord in little things, and to stand a long period of ~~apprenticeship~~ ^{apprenticeship} before ~~he~~ was ready to ~~stand~~-- step out for himself. Most of us, if are ~~going~~ to accomplish much, have to be Elisha. ⁽²⁾ We have to learn ^{like Moses of old,} to ~~do~~ ^{be} nothing before we are able to ~~learn to be~~ ^{accomplish} something. Elisha, at the very first appearance, shows a marvellous humility.

Elisha was interested ^{the} in little things of life. He was glad to be helpful. Elijah's attitude to the sons of the prophets was always a rather supercilious one. He could see their weakness. No one of them was worthy ^{to} of standing on the level of himself, and therefore he ~~paid~~ ^{paid} little attention to them. The result was that he felt ~~that~~ as if he were the only one left true to the Lord, and so God had to tell him ~~that~~ at mount Horeb that he had preserved 7,000 that did not bow to the Baal; yet, after Elijah came back, ~~and~~ ^{in the land} spent a number of years. We do not know how long ^{before} before his death.