

During this time we have no evidence that he made any effort to teach the sons of the prophets as to what they should do and help them to improve. In the account in chapter ... ~~in Genesis~~, in II Kings 2: of the last days of Elijah, the sons of the prophets appeared as men of <sup>real</sup> earnest desire to serve the Lord but of little knowledge, men who have sunk into deep superstitions. They hear a rumour that Elijah is to be taken. They are trying to get more evidence on it. Elisha, as a <sup>subtle</sup> substitute of Elijah, simply has to tell them; ~~He~~ to hold their peace. They are <sup>following</sup> bowing. They are watching. They anxious to know what is going to be. Then, when God takes up Elijah into heaven, the sons of prophets say in verse 15: the spirit of Elijah rest upon Elisha. ~~xxxxxxx~~ They come to ~~Elijah~~ Elisha and ask they ask him to allow them to send 50 strong men to seek Elijah. "Let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley." What a superstitious attitude the <sup>pe</sup> people had. No wonder Elijah was unwilling to have ~~much~~ much to do with them. Elisha here tries to stop this ~~superstition~~ superstition. He tells them not to send, ~~for~~ but they do. And ~~fo~~ of course, they do not find Elijah. God had taken him into heaven. It is a silly idea that the Spirit of God would <sup>left by Elijah</sup> take him up and cast him somewhere where he would be lost and be in difficulty. You will find, however, <sup>superficial</sup> superstitious ideas, silly ideas come into any group of people anywhere. They have to constantly <sup>be</sup> check and test <sup>ed</sup> it, and root <sup>ed</sup> it out by <sup>ed</sup> never the Word of God. We must ~~new~~ allow ourselves to be led astray by these ideas, and-or to follow them, but we can have sympathy for those who are ~~led by~~ misled by them, and try to show them the truth. While ~~Elijah~~ Elisha gave no <sup>encouragement</sup> ~~occasion~~ <sup>these</sup> whatever to this superstitious ideas, yet we find that he shows friendly and kindly attitude to <sup>some of the prophets</sup> them. In chapter 2 here a man of Jericho came to Elisha, and told him about the difficulty he had with water. And God enabled Elisha to