

was very disobedient or else ~~he~~ these are not commands; these are predictions. We have to look under the surface of Scripture very often. in order to see what the real situation is. Here we find that Elijah after that tremendous work he did on mount Carmel, when he finished giving that great exhibition of God's power and superiority to the prophets of Baal, instead of going into one of those caves there and resting in order to be prepared for the follow up work of reaching people with the claims of the true God, instead of that he was so excited that he girt up his loins and he ran before King Ahab 20 miles and ~~f~~ got to the town ahead of the rainstorm, and the next day after Ahab had been thoroughly proved to be wrong in all his attitudes and the prophets of Baal had been killed (?), the next day Ahab's wife sent a message to Elijah and he said, Elijah, the Lord do so to me and more also if by tomorrow you are not in the same condition that these prophets of Baal are - dead!. And poor Elijah whom the king did not dare to punish or attack, who was the idol of the people because of his great victory there, picked up and ran to the south, and went 40 days across the desert and down there in the desert he said, O Lord take away my life for I am no better than my fathers. A man that had a great task to do that should take him years <sup>to</sup> do did the first great tremendous step in it in a wonderful way and then instead of resting and getting in shape for the second step he let himself go so tired that he became frightened by the vain threats of a powerless woman and ran off and left the job. We find hardly anything of great importance that Elijah did after that. The word that should have been done then had to wait until a successor was prepared to do it. So he had to take time for Elisha to go around and pour water on his hands and learn from him and be ready to perform the task.

Down there in Sinai we read in this ch. from which I read this to you how the Lord called Elijah and said, What are you doing here?