

II Kings 2:1-15

SUBJECT: The Resurrection of Elijah

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The Rapture of Elijah

2:1 The call came in the strength of manhood; showed no signs of physical decay; "eye not dimmed nor natural face altered."

His true humility and greatness. He to enjoy an older unperished in history of the race with one exception - Enoch. Would think - he would let the world be known

- continue to live the heights of Judaea with significant events.

But the opposite - even tried to dissuade Elijah from accompanying him.

- How wonderful, no to live in the glory of the sun, cannot see the shadow of self. "could not see for the glory of His light"

2:2-5 what to do, knowing his departure?

Song in eternity, his presence, the almighty. Surely, spend a hour in repentance, elevation, soul-cleansing, confession.

No! - Visiting the schools of the prophets as before

- Quietly conversing with success
- need no extra preparations

Best method of awaiting the change - busy with duties assigned

(a) Farmer, if the corn is sown - "plough his row to the end of the field"

The workshop, the factory, as so near heaven as the earthway

The God-given task as fair a height for ascension as Olivet & his part

2: 9, 10 Elijah opens a very wide door - "Cast..."
With the object of tutoring him, Elijah next Elise again, again to
leave him. Only when Elise stood the test, the door opened.

Elijah's request - "Double portion."
Elijah's request is not misplaced. Soothe neither fame, fortune
wealth, power, position. Deut 21:17 "double portion" the right
of the eldest, the firstborn; not twice as much as Elijah. Elise
answered the call to the ministry, and not due to the
responsibilities, perils, without spiritual power.
of James, John, request for more, & require. Th 1000 before the
of Tarry's before Pentecost. before the
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Elijah's spiritual insight - "if see more..."
Nothing arbitrary in the demand
impossible to devise a more complete criterion of spiritual
ambition for the aspirant
to senses dulled with passion, carnality, to eyes blinded by
materialism, the space above occupied by the flaming
seraphim would seem void, empty, bare as the surrounding
scenery. Had we been there we would see of anything so
to sudden disappearance of Elijah.

- 7. Isaiah 6, and Psa 139 "It is empty" 6305.
- 8. John 12:29 "It has been said"
- 9. Acts 9:7 in other sense, understood rightly

Depth of spiritual insight is seen, see, see.
Elise possessed it: Dh. 6:12

2:11 "talked" what said? Grad. the future - judgment
Elisha's ministry..

Then, one of the sublimest scenes in the OT. We would know so much, but just as a two strong, broad valley and all is told. The wild of distance, the elevation of the hills, hid the rising figures from the gaze of the school of the prophets that watched so eagerly from Jericho. And the dazzle of the celestial vestage made the only spectator sensible to mistaking the scene too narrowly. The wonder told is one half of a sentence.

The appropriate fitness of the translation:

(1) In the place
not the smiling, cornfields, Elisha, sunny vineyards, Jezreel
" " desert, land of Sinai
" " schools, the prophets at western Bethel, Bethel, Jericho.
But away on the other side of the Jordan, where he grew up; he a child of the lonely wilderness. Away, surrounded by the lonely granaries, of some wild, rocky gorge.

(2) In the method
This whirlwind of a man swept up to heaven
The intensity of his spirit like the fire that flashes from the harnesses seraphim.
His character like the passions of the desert, his spirit led the whirlwind that falls suddenly, sweeping all before its swift arrow.

(3) In the farewell
The exclamation of Elisha 2:14
The spirit had entered into what the righteous enter.
not "dust to dust, ashes to ashes"
But "fire to fire, spirit to spirit, man of God to God"
As if Jehovah stepped out of the recesses to invade the last testimony,
renew his ambassador's home. So Christ before the flood
So Christ after the cross

1. What death is
 a transition - rest & state but not at
 - " - condition - passage
 - " - wall but a doorway & bridge
 - " - jailer but a liberator, release
 - about from the body, present with the Lord?
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2. A type of the capture of the saints
 I Cor. 15: mortality swallowed up of life
 body of humiliation & changed for body of glory

3. The falling mantle
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 together, smote the waters of the Jordan. Faith dared to strike
 the water when they rolled in front of fall of duty, call
 of God. Though party Jordan marched on.

2:13, 14 the falling mantle fluttered to his feet. Picked
 it up. to the Jordan, to the word assigned.
 Eliphaz goes. Christ's remission
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 the word

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 How aware? could tell
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