

might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years,
 and six months." Elijah saw the apostasy, the law the wickedness, he saw
 the turning away from God, and he prayed that it might ~~not~~ not rain upon the
 earth, and it rained not for three years and six months. Elijah saw a ...12...
 he saw a need, and he prayed and God answered the prayer. And he prayed
 again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth gave forth her fruit. God
 answers prayer. God desires to pour out His blessings upon us, but He chooses
 to give many of them in answer to prayer, and He chooses not to give many
 blessings that He would give if we prayed as we should. A friend of mine
 went to the Moody Bible Institute for a year. He took a year in the divinity
 school of the U. of Chicago, and then he went to Moody B.I. for a year. And
 he was a man of rather contrary character, and he didn't like either place.
 And he was at the Chicago divinity school, ~~and~~ and he hated the modernism,
 and was violently against it, and then he went to Moody Bible Institute and
 found things he didn't like there. And one of the things he told me about
 he didn't like was this. He said, These fellows will pray for financial help,
 and then they will go to the mail box and pull the letter right out of the slot.
 And call that an answer to their prayer, when that letter must have been
~~mailed~~ mailed two or three days before they even gave the prayer.13¹....
 but it struck me. God can answer our prayers before ever we give them. God
 knows about our prayers long before we give them, and He can answer them, and
 He does answer them. God does answer prayer, and prayer changes things. You
 have doubtless all of you heard stories, as I have heard, about, ~~one~~ one mis-
 sionary in Africa told it, about a time when he was faced with a lion and
 there was a terrific danger, and the situation was that he had to kill the
 lion, or the lion would kill him, and he slipped and fell, and the lion was
 coming upon him, and just then, in14....., the way his gun fell when
 he fell, he was able to reach it, and any other way he couldn't possibly have
 gotten it, but he was able to reach it and ~~up~~ pull it up, and get the lion
 in time, and save his life, and he found out later on that that night, it
 was night here, day there, that night one of his friends in America had