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this point he failed dismally. Elijah said, Get up and eat and drink. There is a sound of abundance of rain. The drought is going to be over. God has promised it. Elijah couldn't bring it any further. There is nothing he can do about it. God had promised that God was going to bring it ~~at~~ now. But Elijah was all tied up in knots, excited stirred with what he'd gone through as any of us would have been. And what he needed was to relax. What he needed was to find one of these many caves there are there on Mt. Carmel and to sleep for about days. And to rest himself and to get in ~~in~~ shape and then go down in the land and go back and forth speaking in all the towns and ~~hamlets~~ hamlets presenting the Word of God and teaching the people to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. But Elijah was just too wrought up to, too excited, too stirred within himself to think the thing through and see that this phase was done. The other phase is what is needed now. So what did Elijah do? Elijah went up to the top of Carmel and he said to his servant, ~~and~~ Go up to the very tip top and look toward the sea and see if the rain is coming. Well he didn't need to see. He couldn't bring the rain any faster. God had promised. He had told Ahab it was coming. But he is all excited. It's natural, but it was a failure. And so he --- seven times he sent the servant up there and finally the servant said, There is a little cloud; it is arising out of the sea. And he said, Go up to Aham and say, Prepare thy chariot and get thee down that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile the heaven was black with clouds and wind and there was a great rain. And Aham rode and went to Jezreel. But, vs. 46, the hand on the Lord was on Elijah. He was so excited with what the Lord had done with him. He almost as if he had superhuman strength, if fact he did have. That is to say he had strength beyond that which a man ordinarily has because of the tremendous excitement of the situation and he girded up his loins and ran before Aham to the entrance of Jezreel. Of course the people saw him running before Ahab's chariot, as Ahab came along and his chariot. And they said, What's this? And they said, Oh this tremendous thing happened at Mt. Carmel. And they heard about it and it added a little bit to it. But poor Elijah was so ~~at~~ tired and distraught and overtired ~~to~~ to not taking the time and thought to think of the next step and get ready for it, and get himself rested and able to carry on the next step that we read one of the saddest things in all the Scripture in the next two

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