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verses. And ~~the~~ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done. Now that he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel said- sent a messenger to Elijah saying, So let the gods ~~do~~ do to me and more also if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. Now why didn't she send and kill him right away? Because she couldn't. This was an empty threat. Ahab could not do anything to hurt Elijah at this point. Elijah was the most popular man in Israel here. He with his prayers with his presenting the truth of God had brought the end of the terrible draught. He had proved that God was God and not Baal. Jezebel would have been torn to pieces by the infuriated populace if she dared lay a hand on Elijah in this situation.

But we read that when he saw that he arose and went for his life, and headed out of Israel and down into Judah and on to the desert and went on down into Sinai and said Oh they killed your prophets and seeking my life too. And nobody was seeking Elijah's life at that point because Elijah had won the victory and had taken the great success that people recognized that God was the Lord. But now Elijah is way down there in Carmel (?) <sup>the desert</sup> where he sleeps for about 40 days as he gets rested from the tension and excitement of this. The Lord gives him a new vision and the Lord says, Go back and appoint Elisha to be prophet in your place. We'll have to get another man to do the next step. And the next step has to wait till the other man get's trained because you are not ready to carry on the work from this point to the next point. And I think there is a tremendous lesson here for us. As we endeavor to serve the Lord, let's take the step that we are in and do it to the utmost of our ability as Elijah did on Mt. Carmel. But let's realize (that) when our part is done and let's get busy and get our selves in shape ~~or~~ keep ourselves in shape so that we can take up the next step and carry it on instead of the work dropping away because we are not ready to do the next step and we haven't got anybody else ready to step in to the position. There are two great things that I would stress ~~at~~ here. One is do the service of the Lord with the utmost of your ability. Take a hold of the ~~the~~ situation and accomplish everything you can for Him. But think the situation through. See what the next step is that is needed and get yourself in condition to accomplish that next step. Don't let the excitement and the overtiredness of this step important as it may be, ~~it~~ keep you from thinking ahead and doing what is

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