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And let us pray the Lord to help us ~~to~~ see the situation, see what the need is. To fit into that situation ~~Humanly~~ Humanly speaking the <sup>world</sup> ~~work~~ looks hopeless. We're a little group of Christians with a world that has turned against us because Satan has ~~cleverly~~ cleverly used men like G. E. Moore like I read -- cleverly used men to prejudice other men and to influence other men. And today it's in our newspapers, it's in our magazines, it's in most of the teaching ~~and~~ in most of our schools. It's even getting down into the high schools and the grammar schools, the sneering attitude that carries more weight than logical arguments ~~can~~ <sup>ever</sup> can. May God enable us to go out in the spirit of Elijah to do the work of Elijah and the work of Elisha and be used of God to prepare a people for the Lord. How much larger that people is yet to be we don't know. God may bring a great revival in our time, and if he does he needs ~~us~~ us to lead the people of God, or the people of the Lord may be nearly complete, and He may want us to bring in a small number more but to train them thoroughly and then our Lord will come back. We don't know how great the people is He wants. we don't know when the Body of Christ will be complete and he will come back. But Oh the things that most of us get to thinking about of our lives; the petty concerns of our own pleasures, of our own enjoyment, our own happiness, ~~our~~ our own accomplishments, our own means to do what people around us think is necessary to a successful or happy life. These things drift us away ~~from~~ from keeping our eyes on God's purpose and doing the work of Elijah and the work of Elisha in whatever combination may be God's will for each of us.

Let us pray. Our father we think of our day and how similar it is to the days of Elijah and Elisha. And oh we think it looked so hopeless then, but what a great work you did through Elijah and through Elisha. And our God in some ways things look more hopeless now than then. In other ways they look more hopeful. But our Father you have a work for each of us in your kingdom. You have a place for each of us in preparing a people for the Lord. Help us our Father to look at the situation to see the work you'd have us to do. to keep ourselves in shape to do the work intelligently and effectively. Help us to be ready to take criticism, to take suggestions from others. How often we fall short simply through failure to take ~~advantage~~ <sup>advantage</sup> of some simple things that others are so ready to explain to us. But keep our eyes on the Lord and help us to be effective servants of His. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

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