

LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before". Isn't that wonderful. The king wa won (?) The king turned and was friendly to the man. The king asked him to pray for him. Well let's stand together with this man. He is ready to adopt the truth. He has turned back from his old ideas, hasn't he? But what did the man of God say? The king said, Come home with me and refresh yourself. I'm going to give you a reward." And theman of God said to the king, If you give me your house == give me half your ~~MY~~ house, I won't go in with you nor eat ~~MY~~ bread, nor drink water because it was charged me by the word of the LORD saying, ~~MY~~ Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest." The Word of God was that he should not fraternize with this man who was undermining faith in the Word of God. He refused, he stood four-square for God's truth, and turned and went another way, and headed back down toward the southern kingdom. He resisted the effort of Satan to lead him away from the Word of God.

But now we find Satan used another tactic. The king's blandishments, the king's offers could not have this man. This man stood solid for Christ. So Satan used another way. Verse 11 tells us: "Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel." Was this old man a true prophet, or was he a false prophet? Well, he was a true prophet. You read on and you find that God spoke to him. God used him as His messenger, and a prophet is one * whom