

God uses as His mouthpiece. This man was a true prophet. This man was a good man. He was an elderly man. He was not now able to accomplish much. He could not even go out to the service; he was there at home. But his sons came in and they say, Oh Dad, if you had only been at the service this morning you would have been thrilled. You tell us about the old days when you were young and you used to stand four square for the Word of God. There was a man who came here == there today and he faced Jeroboam right to the face and told him what was wrong. He gave the Word of God, and the altar was torn, and Jeroboam could not even pull his hand back until he prayed for him. And when Jeroboam tried to win that man by trying to offer him presents and asked him to come and eat in the palace, the man refused absolutely to associate with the enemies of God! Oh, Dad if you had been  $\gamma$  there you would have just rejoiced in seeing the sort of thing you said you used to do when you were young. Ah, this was a grand occasion.

The father was all excited. He said, Which way did he go? The sons had noticed that the man of God started off down toward Judah, and v. 13 he said, Saddle me the ass, and they saddle him the ass, and he rode thereon." Now we don't say today, Saddle me the ass. Saddle an ass for me. Fix up the mule so I can ride. But they saddled him the ass, and there is one place in this <sup>chapter ?</sup>verse where the him is in italics. Those who don't know that italics stand for sometime that is not in the original, are apt to emphasize it, and they say, Saddle HIM the ass. (Laughter).

Here is this fine old man who wants some good Christian fellowship, and he comes and sees the man and he says, Are ~~you~~ you the