

(3.00) How would have have understood what he meant? Well, evidently Elisha had been hearing about Elijah's great deeds. He had no ... this tampered son of a wealthy family going, plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before... might stand beside the courageous... prophet Elijah, and had helped in his work for the truth. As soon as he cast the mantle over head his head, then he realized that there is an opportunity for him to do this. We read in verse 20. He runs after Elijah, and he said, Let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow thee. And Elijah turned around and said, Oh, that is wonderful. I am awfully glad to have you as my companion, and eventually as a successor. Go and say good-bye to your family and come with me. No. Elijah said, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? Just imagine the burlesqueness of the words of the prophet Elijah. What a ... of Elijah. Elisha's call came not from Elijah but from God. Elijah knew that here was the opportunity to serve the Lord, even if he put must put up with his burlesqueness and harshness. He was ready to do it, in order that he might help in this great work of Elijah. So, he went back and said- made a feast for the people and said good-bye to his family and then after Elijah and ministered unto him. This Hebrew word minister does not mean that he performed personal-services for him, but it means that he performed simple tasks- tasks- tasks. He was ready to do minial job for him. He was ready to... as we read over verse II Kings 3 when he was with the army that was going against Moab and ... there was a prophet there, and he said, Elisha the son of Shaphat poured water on the hand of Elijah. Elisha was ready to do most minial tasks and Elijah was perfectly ready to let him do that.

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Scripture does not tell us how long Elisha went with Elijah ^{performing these} ~~for this~~ minial tasks. It gives us, though, the pretty clear indication that Elijah never told him that , Elisha that there was anything better ahead for him than just to continue with the similar tasks. In II Kings 2 God ~~tld--~~ told Elijah an that he ~~was~~ now ~~be~~ taken up to heaven. ^{did} Elijah ^{said} ~~said~~ to Elisha, my time is