

was to lay the foundation with a quiet and continuous teaching. Elijah needed now to train the people and pick the best ones to send them out to train others. There was an opportunity to turn the Israel back to God. So that humanly speaking there might have continued a tremendous work that would have gone on ^a for/thousands-of years in the land, and there would have been no need of the exile. But at this point Elijah failed. ^{It is true that} ~~But~~/Elisha followed up with a ^{... true to the-L-} tremendous work, and the nation was upheld ~~to~~ the Lord for another century before it went to exile, and the southern kingdom was kept from the terrible effects of the Baal worship. The effect of the work of Elijah was tremendous, ^{Elisha's} but it could have been far greater, if ~~Elijah's~~ ^{Elijah's} work had been done immediately after ~~the~~/great stand on the mount Carmel, and best of all it could have been done if Elijah himself could have taken the position of leadership in this work and done it immediately with this tremendous prestige and the standing that now he had.

^{such a work} While Elijah had such a courage to undertake/ who can question Elijah's courage after the way he stood before Ahab ^{the way he stood} and- first place, and ~~he stood~~ before Ahab after the ^{drought.} ~~doubt.~~ He stood before the 850 prophets of Baal ^{and twelve prophets} and- ~~gorve-~~ out there on mount Carmel against them ^{standing alone} against them declaring God's word. No ~~wne~~ would question his courage. Who can question his courage? Yes, would he ~~have~~ been permitted to ~~do~~ this work? Would ~~they~~; it have been justifiable to have them killed? What a silly thought. He stood before Ahab in the first place, and God protected him, and sent him to the wilderness during those years of drought. He stood before Ahab ⁱⁿ now, and even though Ahab ^{let} ~~let~~ out called him/ the one that troubles Israel, yet Ahab proceeded to carry on his request in having this great exhibition on the mount Carmel to determine which was the true God. God or Ahab. There Elijah proceeded step by step ~~850~~ ⁸⁶⁰ people had 850 ^{false} prophets ~~of Ahab~~, and Elijah called on the people to ~~ea~~ kill them and they took them ~~and-~~ to the brook and slew them there. And Ahab never dreamed of interfering. ~~And Ahab could not have done with what his wife could do. Israel at this time~~