

This morning in the class in Old Testament History we discussed the history of Elijah and Elisha and I noted how interested God was in causing Elijah not to be fearful of human circumstances but to put his trust in God. Elijah stood on a mountain and there he saw a great wind but God was not in the wind: he saw a great earthquake but God was not in the earthquake: he saw a great fire but God was not in the fire. All these were simply manifestations of the great power of God. God controlled them but they did not represent God's power in its fullness; God was beyond and above them. How foolish for Elijah to be afraid of what might happen in this life when he was serving a God who controls all the elements of nature as God does. Then God gave him a lesson in relation to his history. Elijah was afraid of the Queen of Israel: God showed him that God had the power to change the dynasty of the ruler of a far greater kingdom than Israel -- the kingdom of Syria. In fact God told Elijah that when Elijah returned to Israel he should go up to Damascus to anoint Hazael to be king of Syria. God also declared that He would anoint a new king to be king over Israel. Jehu would become the king of Israel and the house of Ahab would be completely destroyed. After giving these words as to God's power over the nations, He then proceeded to say that He would replace Elijah by a successor, Elisha. God who controls all the nations of the earth, all the forces of nature and all the forces of history is interested in every detail in the life of everyone who has been saved through the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone who believes in Him as Saviour and trusts in Him has God as ~~his~~ his Father who is interested in his welfare. How foolish it is for us to worry and get excited and concerned about things. If we do our best we can look to God to work things out. He keeps everything in the hollow of His hand. He tells us in the New Testament that not a sparrow falls to the ground without our Heavenly Father's knowledge. He says that the very hairs of our head are all numbered. God cared for His prophets in days of old: He cares for His people today. Blessed are all they who put their trust in Him.

Best of all God sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to die on the cross that everyone who believes on Him should not perish but have eternal life. What a wonderful Saviour we have. What a wonderful privilege we have here at Faith Seminary to train