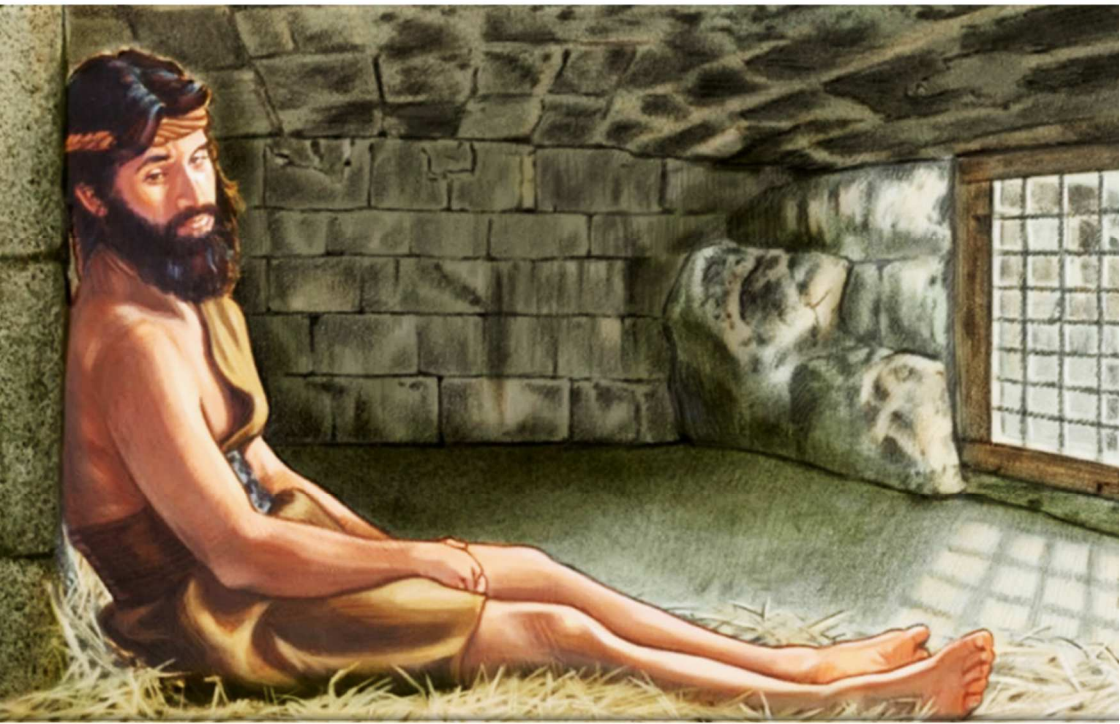


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17 John, his eagle eye truly had filmed over. And John was—become weary. He and Elijah was a great deal alike, because the same spirit was upon this—a different man. See, God never takes His Spirit; He just takes His man. God took Elijah, took Elijah's spirit and put it on Elisha. Then He took it off of Elisha, and put it on John.

And promised to put it on again just at the end time, another one coming at the end time, another Elisha. Which we all as Bible readers know that that's promised to us.

Now, we find out then that the devil takes his man but never his spirit. And he just keeps it coming right on down just the same way. And we find out that those two are together.

And we find that—that Elijah and John was a great deal alike. They were real nervous men. Both of them almost had a nervous breakdown: both of them.

And men who live close to God are mostly considered neurotics or something wrong with them. That's right. They're always considered that.

18 Paul, this morning, when I was speaking to the ministerial group... Agrippa

said to him, or Festus said, “Too much learning makes you mad, or crazy.”

He said, “I’m not mad. I’m not crazy. I’m sober.” See? “And I—I’m all right.”

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20 And I think about Jonah the prophet, God inspiring him, that great eagle for the air of that day. God inspired him so, till he went down there

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and laid in the belly of a whale
for three days and nights,
walked out upon the bank and
give a message that made
even them people put
sackcloth on their animals.



And when the Spirit left him, he went up on top of the hill, and set down and asked God to let him die. That's right.



We find this great Elijah, who John was a type of, the great eagle of that day, mighty, rugged man, great woodsman, lived in the woods in a cave. And he came out, stomped out into—amongst the people, and God would take him up into places that the Israel knowed nothing about and declare the message and say, “It’s THUS SAITH THE LORD,” and stomp back into the wilderness again.



21 Find that great eagle, when he stomped out there and told that king, “There will not even be dew come from the heavens, but according to my word.” Walked right back out there, when he walked down that Samaritan road that day, that stick in his hand, that

piece of sheepskin wrapped around him, that bald head a shining, whiskers hanging down, them steps just as steady as they could be, coming down that Samaritan road... But he knowed Who he'd been in the Presence of. He wasn't afraid of what Ahab was going to say, because he'd been in the Presence of Somebody greater than Ahab. He'd been in the Presence, and he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Those old eyes,

setting back there with those wrinkles, was looking right towards the sky. He was walking steady, because he knowed he had THUS SAITH THE LORD.

22 Oh, he was a eagle. Went up on top of the mountain and drunk at the brook there until it went dry, and went back down there and called a—a meeting. When God give him a vision, and went up on top of the mountain, and said, “Let’s

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prove Who's God. Let's see Who's God. If He ever was God, He's still God." That's right. Oh, I like them eagles. Yes, sir.



Went up on there and said, “If He... Let’s prove God.” And he said—called the way that God told him in the vision. He said, “You take a bullock, and—and I’ll take a bullock. And you call on Baalim and I’ll call on God. And ever which one answers by fire, let Him be God.”

23 And while he was so certain of hisself, so certain of his vision. While they were calling on Baalim all morning and cutting themselves, and

screaming, and jumping, he walked around and said, “Say, maybe you better holler a little more. Maybe he’s pursuing, or maybe he’s taking a nap.” You see? Oh, he knowed where he was standing. It was.

But after he’d proved God, his eagle eye become filmed. And when Jezebel threatened that she would kill him, he run out into the wilderness. God found His servant laying under a juniper tree, running, after

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he had proved God to be God:
nervous, upset.



When you go up into those spheres, it does something to the human heart. When you come down, you can—you can't explain it. It takes you somewhere; there's no need of trying to talk about it. Visions and so forth that tear you to pieces... You can't tell the other people; they don't understand it. They never have been there, so how would you know about it? See? So it tears them to pieces.



24 God's so kind to His servant though to feed him and encourage him, and out under the juniper tree. But after he'd had such

confidence in Jehovah, so sure, that he could walk up before the king and said, “Not even dew will fall, but according to my word.” Stomped right out of the king’s palace, anointed.

Then he had a vision of what to do. Then he went right out there on that mountain and took—and called down fire out of the heaven, proving He was God, then called rain down out of the heavens on the same day, and then killed

four hundred men. Priests, pagan priests, cut their heads off, and then run when the vision left him.

25 Nervous, setting out there, said, “I’m no better than the rest of my fathers. I’m no more than any of the other prophets. Now, Lord, take my life. I’m the only one that’s left. I’m the only one that’s preaching the right Gospel. So just take my life. Let me go.” They get all flusterated like that.

But God said, “No, I—I—I—I got—I got seven thousand more, that had never bowed their knee to Baalim yet. (See?) But I—that’s all right Elijah, you’re doing a great work. But I—I still got another bunch (You see?) that you don’t know yet.”

“But take my life. I’m no more than my fathers was, prophets before me. Let me die.”

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