

***AS YOU RESPECT  
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46 Now, notice. Then Elijah, Elisha, rather, as he returned back he made bitter water sweet with a little cruse of salt. Oh, miracles was just flying everywhere.

47 And then there was a...Oh, he got a...Now remember, he had a temper, too. And some children begin to make fun of him because he was baldheaded. And he cursed those children, and that wasn't so much for the children's sake; it was for the parents that didn't raise up their children to respect God. That's what it was. The parents lost their children because two she-bears killed forty-two of them; must have been a hundred or more running after Elijah. And going right down through Samaria where they'd had the Word preached so long, and the

prophet...But do you see something there? It was the people's attitude towards God's messenger.

48 Never in the world was God's messenger ever received by the ecclesiastics. Show me in the Word where it ever was. Never. The church, so-called, since the very beginning of time has rejected the true Message of God every time. And you can't expect it to do any less today.

49 When Jesus come, He was rejected. And He said, "Which one of your...of—of you, or, your fathers didn't stone the prophets? Which one didn't reject the prophets?"

50 Now, look at this little story right here. Read between the lines (I love it, don't you?), between the lines. Why, look

at these little children going out and making fun of this preacher that was baldheaded. Look what they said to him: “Go up, thou bald head, like Elijah, won’t you?” They didn’t believe that Elijah went up, they doubted it.

51 Their priests and them had told them, perhaps, “Oh, he didn’t go up. It’s just some fanaticism. And that guy’s supposed to be anointed with the same anointing that he was anointed. Oh, it’s nonsense. Tell him to go up.”

52 And here went the little kids. “Bring up a child in the way that it should go.” And here they went down because the parents didn’t believe it.

53 And how can you expect your children to go to Sunday school and serve the Lord, when you, yourself, don’t even

go? How can you expect your children to be something when you're nothing? That's a little sassy, but I don't mean it that way; but He had me to say it, so I...This is not premeditated. All right. But that's...I didn't mean you wasn't nothing, but I mean when you know that you make no profession. How can you expect your children to be righteous when you're putting such an example before them? How can you do it? You're the best example that they have. They're going to look to you when they look...won't look for no one else, because your nature is in them.

54 Like Satan, he knows a whole lot about human beings. He said to God, to Job, he said, "What would a man give for his skin?" Sure. He knows something about human nature. He helped pervert it. He knows...He had a hand in it. He knows

a whole lot about it, and he still knows how to...what to do to cause people to fall. He knows human nature.

55 And knows just to...what to present before you to make you fall for it. He knows just how well to put the smell of whiskey, how tantalizing to make a cigarette, how well to put a—a place out here of a young boy and girl just in their teen-age, drinking beer. He don't try to place the picture a few years later and look at them old batty-eyed hags. That's right.

56 He'd be daresn't to put a picture of a complete nude woman, but he knows just how much clothes to take off of her to make her tempting. Sure he does.

57 He knows human nature. He knows how to catch you in it, too. And he's

awake day and night, going about like a roaring lion devouring what he will. Certainly, he is. So there he knew just how to do that.

58 But God turned around, and in Elisha, he cursed those children, and forty-two of them was killed by bears that run out of the woods and killed forty-two of the children, because they were disobedient, and had been raised in the wrong kind of a home, and the wrong schooling, to make fun of God's prophet in the stead of respecting God's prophet. I tell you, as you respect God's servants, you respect God. As you respect Christ, you respect God.

59 Now, Who is God's major Servant? Not some man here on earth. It's the Holy Ghost. And that's the One you make fun of. That's the One that people

laugh at, say, “Now, look at them people. Don’t they act funny? I believe they’re a little bit crazy.” When you do that, you’re making fun of God. That’s right. And you’ll commit the unpardonable sin; it’ll never be forgiven you in this world or the world to come. For Jesus said, if you speak a word against It, it’ll never be forgiven.





















