

Two Prophets

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The story of the two great prophets, Elijah and Elisha, tells in the spiritual sense how we progress in our journey to the Lord. And Elijah's death speaks of a marvelous miracle that happens in that journey. He was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire drawn by fiery horses and nothing of his body was left on earth.

Elijah's story tells of how we use the truth to practice self-compulsion, to force ourselves to obey the Lord. His name means "The one whose God is Jehovah." Elisha's name means "God is the Savior." At first, we use our truths to obey the Lord, consciously. Elijah's miracles represent how the Lord helps us to do this. Then Elijah disappears from the earth. The truths we use to repent, to compel ourselves, are lifted up by the Lord's loving fire into our spiritual minds. We cease to reflect on or remember them because we have practiced them so much.

Then Elisha takes over. We begin to experience the more warm, caring feelings of salvation. When the repentance truths are lifted up into our spiritual minds, we are able to do much more. The Lord gives us deeper truths, and we make serious progress. It is comforting to know, when we are fighting hard with the "Elijah truths," feeling alone and struggling, that a new state will follow, and our journey to the Lord will be much calmer and easier.