

## Lesson II.

## ELIJAH TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

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2 Kings 2 : 1-12a—Memory Verses, 11, 12a.

**Golden Text**—In thy presence is fulness of joy ; in thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Psalm 16 : 11 (Rev. Ver.).



1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Eli'jah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Eli'jah went with Eli'sha from Gil'gal.

2 And Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Tarry here, I pray thee ; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth'-el. And Eli'sha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth'-el.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth'-el came forth to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day ? And he said, Yea, I know *it* ; hold ye your peace.

4 And Eli'jah said unto him, Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray thee ; for the LORD hath sent me to Jeri'cho. And he said, As the LORD liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jeri'cho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jeri'cho came to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day ? And he answered, Yea, I know *it* ; hold ye your peace.

6 And Eli'jah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here ; for the LORD hath sent me to Jor'dan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off : and they two stood by Jor'dan.

8 And Eli'jah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Eli'sha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing : nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee ; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder : and Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Eli'sha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Is'rael, and the horsemen thereof.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Two men were walking down the hill. One was Elijah, the other was his pupil, Elisha.

Elijah had said, "Stay here, in this town, I pray thee ; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel."

But the prophet was an old man now, and Elisha loved him too dearly to let him go alone. So they started out together.

By and by they reached the city of Bethel. Some young men who loved the prophet came out and asked Elisha, "Knowest thou that

the Lord will take thy master from thee to-day ?"

How sad Elisha felt ! "Yes, I know," he answered.

Elijah did not stay long at Bethel. He pressed on to the city of Jericho, and then toward the river Jordan.

At last they stood on the banks where the water was deep and dangerous. How should they cross ?

Elijah knew. He took his mantle and wrapped it tightly together. Then he struck