

## *JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST*

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The next person in this Transfiguration Scene whom we will consider is Elijah. Whom does he represent in the Kingdom of Heaven? If we look up the account of his life we will find that Elijah did not pass through that experience which we call death but that he passed direct from earth to heaven by translation. As far as we know, apart from Christ Himself, after His resurrection, Enoch and Elijah are the only two on record who have left earth in any other manner than by death. "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Does Elijah represent then in the Kingdom of God only these two, himself and Enoch? No, he represents a greater throng by far than that—he represents a multitude of people yet to come. In that passage of Scripture made so familiar to us by its association with the burial service, we read, "Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." And again, in the First Epistle to the Thessalonians we read, "For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we that are alive,