

ELIJAH whose ministry ended in flames
A Great Man Resplendent
The kindness of God is beyond human comprehension.
Elijah could never again urge Israel to look to God, and
was therefore instructed to call and commission his
successor. "So he departed thence, and found Elisha
the son of Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke
of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah
passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him . . . Then
Elisha arose, and went after Elijah and ministered unto
him" (vv. 19-21). And these two men were still together
when God greatly honoured His prophet. Human failures
cannot change the kindness of God. "And it came to
pass, as they still went on and talked, that, behold, there
appeared a chariot of fire . . . and parted them both asunder;
and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kings
2:11). God graciously promoted His servant to higher
realms. Instead of ministering for the Lord, Elijah had
the honour of ministering to the Lord. He was sent to the
mount of transfiguration to commune with the Lord Jesus.
Grace, grace: God's grace;
Grace that can pardon and cleanse within.
Grace, grace: God's grace:
Grace that is greater than all our sin

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