

## ***Exit Elijah and Enter Elisha*** **II Kings 2:1-18**

### ***Elijah takes Elisha from place to place before his ascension. 1-8***

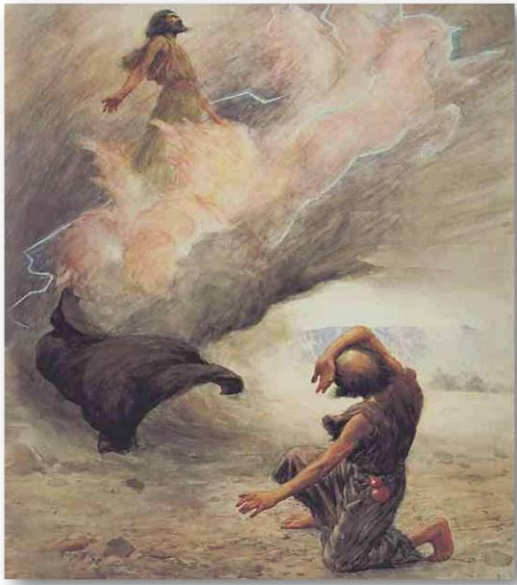
- ❖ Why does Elijah take this zigzagging geographical pattern (first to Bethel, then to Jericho and finally across the Jordan River)?
- ❖ Doesn't it seem Elijah is encouraging Elisha's desertion? Why?
- ❖ Elisha stays firmly at Elijah's side (unlike servant in I Kgs. 19:3,4).

### ***Elisha takes Elijah's place with a double portion. 9-14***

- ❖ Why does Elisha ask for a double portion? "My father"--Dt. 21:17
- ❖ Elisha will do many more recorded miracles than Elijah but will be completely overshadowed by him (ignored in NT but for Lk. 4:27).
- ❖ Another fiery miracle--"My Father, My Father, the chariots of fire and its horseman." See same reverential words in 13:14 plus 6:17.
- ❖ Crossing the Jordan proves Elisha's abilities and recalls Josh. 3:7

### ***Elijah is no place to be found, just as Elisha predicted. 15-18***

- ❖ Elisha is honored by bowing prophets, but their disagreement shows they need more convincing and can't get over Elijah yet.
- ❖ Failed search shows Elisha's accuracy (more miracles soon help).



Nobody is irreplaceable,  
and everybody will need  
to be replaced eventually.

Do you need to step up  
and ask for God's grace  
to enable you to carry  
on an important ministry  
at Grace or elsewhere in  
the community?