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 its working. V7 Elijah was a man much. ‘1 Elias was aman   
 Yof like passions with us, and “he subject to like passions as   
 prayed with prayer that it might! we are, that it might not   
 not rain, \*and it rained not on the rain: and it rained not on   
 earth for three years and six months: the earth by the space of   
 18 and again "he prayed, and the threeyears and six months.   
 D1 Kings xvifi. gave rain, and the earth 18 And he prayed again,   
 ee 19 Brethren, and the heaven gave rain,   
 if any among you be seduced from | and the you do brought forth   
 brought forth and one convert him; her fruit. 19 Brethren, if   
 ¢ Matt.   
 1B truth, and one convert him;   
 20 know, that he who converteth a 20 let converteth the sinner   
 sinner from the error of his way from the error of his way   
   
   
   
 cases, the much-vaunted unity of Roman teenth year of Ahab, a famine prevailed in   
 interpreters embracing the most opposite for three years and a half.”   
 opinions. The supplication of a righteous e is no real discrepancy here, as has   
 man (i.e. of one who shews his faith by often assumed, with the unt in   
 his works, see cl 4) availeth much in ings: for as Benson has rightly ob-   
 its working (i.e. very effectuall served, the words “iw the third year” of   
 Much doubt has arisen about the meanin 1 Kings xvifi. 1 by no necessity refer to   
 and reference of this last term. It is the duration of the famine, but most natu-   
 usually taken as in A. V..—\*the effectual rally date back to the removal of Elijah to   
 fervent prayer,”—as an epithet, setting Zarephath, xvii, 8 ff.; compare the same   
 forth its This interpretation ho “many days” in ver. 15, where indeed a   
 ever has not only, as Wiesinger confesses, variation is “fora full year”): and again   
 New Test. usage against it, but can hardly he prayed (see above), and the heavens   
 be justified from the context, it being gave rain and the earth brought forth her   
 necessarily implied that the prayer of the fruit (which she is accustomed to bear).   
 righteous man is not a dead and formal 19, 20.] The importance and blessing of   
 one. Besides which, the force of the reclaiming an erring brother. This is   
 general sentence, “the prayer of a righte- very nearly connected with the foregoing ;   
 ous man availeth much,” sutfers much the duty of mutual advice and correction,   
 from the appending of a condition under with that of mutual confession and prayer.   
 which alone the sentence could be true). 19.] Brethren, if any among you bo   
 11, 18.] Example of this effectual seduced (literally passive ; and there is no   
 prayer, in the case of Elijah. 17.) reason why the passive should   
 Elijah wasa man of like passions with us not be kept, especially when we remember   
 (this precedes, to the objection that our Lord’s warning, “Tule heed that no   
 the greatness of Elijah, so far out of our man deceive, seduce you””) from the truth   
 reach, neutralizes the example for us weak (not merely trath practical, of moral con-   
 and ordinary men. ‘There is no contrast to duct, but that truth which isthe subject of   
 the just man intended, but rather Elijah the word whereby our regeneration took   
 an éxample of a jnst man), and he prayed place, ch. i, 18; the doctrine of Christ,   
 with prayer (ide it a special matter of sphitual and practical), and one convert   
 prayer: not, prayed earnestly, as A. V., him (turn him back to the truth); know   
 and others) that it might not rain (this (or, let him know, viz. the converted man   
 fact is not even hinted at in the Old ‘Test. —for his comfort, and for the encourage-   
 history in 1 Kings xvii. ff. nor the follow- meut of others to do the like by this   
 ing one, that he prayed for rain at the end tation of the fact), that he who converteth   
 of the drought: though this latter may (not, ‘has converted.’ our English present,   
 perhaps be iunplied in 1 Kings xviii. #f.), when connected with a future, exactly gives   
 and it rained not on the earth for three the meaning) a sinner from the error of   
 years and six months (30 also Luke iv. 25: his way (thusis the person converted more   
 and in a Rabbinical work this, “In the thir- geucrally expressed than befure ; not only