

“POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE” PRAYER

Elijah, Part 3

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I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him, the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.

Ephesians 1:20

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

James 5:16,17

Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, "Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will soon send rain!"

1 Kings 18:1-2

Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain." So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked.

"There is nothing there," he said.

Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."

So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on...

1 Kings 18:41-45

1. _____ for what God wants to do (but is not doing yet)

Verse 41

...there is the sound of a heavy rain.

Verse 42 (NLT)

Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.

2. Don't stop praying if you see

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Verse 43

"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked.

"There is nothing there," he said.

Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

Verse 44

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."

So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

On the other side of nothing... is something.

On the other side of nothing... is everything you need from God.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*