

# "GO AGAIN SEVEN TIMES"

*A RETELLING OF 1 KINGS 18:41-45; A LESSON ON PRAYER.*

"ELIJAH WAS A HUMAN BEING, EVEN AS WE ARE. 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 5:17-18 NIV).



## ELIJAH PRAYING FOR RAIN:

AFTER MORE THAN THREE YEARS OF DROUGHT, A TIME WHEN NOT A DROP OF RAIN FELL ON THE LAND, ELIJAH CLIMBED MOUNT CARMEL, FELL TO HIS FACE, AND PRAYED DESPERATELY FOR RAIN. AFTER HE PRAYED HE SAID TO HIS SERVANT, "RUN, LOOK TOWARD THE SEA AND THEN COME AND TELL ME WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE WEATHER."



THE SERVANT RAN TO LOOK. DISAPPOINTED, HE RETURNED AND TOLD ELIJAH, "THERE IS NOTHING, MASTER!"

ELIJAH DIDN'T GIVE UP. HE CONTINUED TO PRAY AND SENT HIS SERVANT TO GO LOOK AGAIN. HE DID THIS SEVEN TIMES.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 KINGS 18:42-43

AFTER THE SEVENTH TIME HIS SERVANT RETURNED. "I SAW A LITTLE CLOUD RISING UP OUT OF THE SEA," HE SAID EXCITEDLY, "A CLOUD THAT LOOKED LIKE A MAN'S HAND." THIS WAS A SIGN THAT ELIJAH'S PRAYERS WERE BEING ANSWERED!<sup>2</sup>

ELIJAH KNEW THAT THE DROUGHT HAD ENDED AND A GREAT RAIN WAS COMING! AND RAIN IT DID!

<sup>2</sup> 1 KINGS 18:44-45



ELIJAH WAS A MAN, AS WEAK AND HUMAN AS WE ARE, WITH FEELINGS JUST LIKE OURS,  
YET HIS PRAYERS WORKED MIRACLES! AND SO CAN YOURS!

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