

LIFE OF ELIJAH

“Elijah was a man just like us . . .”

James 5:17

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JAMES 5:18

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Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!”

So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.

Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.”

The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “I didn’t see anything.”

Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.

Finally, the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.”

Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him,
‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you
don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”

And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind
brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly
for Jezreel.

Then the LORD gave special strength to Elijah. He
tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of
Ahab’s chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.

The **earnest prayer** of a **righteous** person has **great power** and produces **wonderful results**.

Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when **he prayed again**, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. – James 5:17, 18

How Can We Realize The Promise of
Wonderful Results?

WONDERFUL RESULTS

– because of praying with

INTERPERSONAL INTEGRITY:

the **RIGHTEOUS** PERSON

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**BLOOD OF
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***MERCY -
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freely given

RIGHTEOUSNESS
SONSHIP
HOLY SPIRIT

I M P U T A T I O N

INTERPERSONAL INTEGRITY

◎ LIFE SITUATIONS

- Troublesome circumstances
- Illness – Call for elders; use medicine
- Sins
- Faults / Missteps – tell other believers, pray for each other
- Allegiance – James 1; Motives – James 4

WONDERFUL RESULTS

- Because of praying with

PRAYERFUL INTENSITY

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- ⦿ Semitic Idioms – ways of expressing deep emotion
- ⦿ Posture of complete humility / vulnerability
- ⦿ Persistent until complete – symbolism of 7 times
- ⦿ Asking - Fatih
- ⦿ Seeking - Hope
- ⦿ Knocking – Love

WONDERFUL RESULTS

- Because of prayer with

EXPECTANT SPECIFICITY

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- Go home before the wadis become impassable (17 miles to Jezreel)



EXPECTANT SPECIFICITY

- Scripture Symbolism and Significance of Rain
- The rains came and seeds sprouted (after a 'great famine throughout the land' – Luke 4:25)





“Hey Christian – since you can pray just like
Elijah – Pray for Seacrest church . . .



***With Interpersonal Integrity
With Persevering Intensity
With Expectant Specificity***

. . . and with God's great power realize
Wonderful Results!

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