

1 Kings 18

18:41, "Then Elijah said to Ahab, 'Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.'

18:42, "So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,"

James 5

James 5:16, "... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:17, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18, "And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."

James 5:15, "And the prayer of faith will deliver the weary, and the Lord will raise him up.

15b-16a deals with failure and confession

16b, "... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Elijah's Prayers

1. Prayer to bring the drought – 1 Kings 17:1 w/ James 5:17
2. Prayer for the widow's son – 1 Kings 17:21
3. Prayer for the sacrifice – 1 Kings 18:36–37
4. Prayer for the rain – 1 Kings 18:42

Two Exegetical Problems

***polu* can be adverbial or adjectival**

Prayer is very powerful, strong (NET, WEB, ESV)

Prayer is strong, accomplishes much (KJV, NKJV, NASB)

***energeo* present participle, could be adverbial or adjectival**

Adverbial: while it is working, as it is working, when it works

Adjectival: modifies prayer, “effectual prayer”

The prayer of an experientially righteous believer is able to be greatly effective.

Or

The productive prayer of an experientially righteous believer is powerful or strong.

1 Pet. 1:3–4

“Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence,

for by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

Four Types of Promises

1. **Personal promises**
2. **National promises to Israel**
3. **Universal promises**
4. **Conditional promises**

Josh 1:7, "Only be strong and very
courageous; be careful to do
according to all the law which Moses
My servant commanded you; do not
turn from it to the right or to the left,
so that you may have success wherever
you go."

Josh. 10:8, "And the Lord said to
Joshua, 'Do not fear them, for I have
given them into your hands; not one of
them shall stand before you.' "

Acts 1:4, "And gathering them
together, He commanded them not to
leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what
the Father had promised, 'Which' He
said, 'you heard of from Me;' "

Matt. 10:7-8, "And as you go,
preach, saying, 'the kingdom of heaven
is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the
dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out
demons; freely you received, freely
give."

2 Chron. 7:14,

“and if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through
Him who strengthens me."

1 Thess. 5:9, "For God has not
destined us for wrath, but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ."

1 Jn. 5:14-15, "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

1 Kings 18:1,

“Now it came about after many days,
that the word of the Lord came to
Elijah in the third year, saying, ‘Go,
show yourself to Ahab, and I will send
rain on the face of the earth.’ ”



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18:43, "and said to his servant, 'Go up now, look toward the sea.' "

"So he went up and looked, and said, 'There is nothing.' And seven times he said, 'Go again.' "

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18:44, "Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, 'There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!' So he said, 'Go up, say to Ahab, "Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you."'"

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18:45, "Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

18:46, "Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel."