

What would you say to God?

The power of prayer pt 1

1 Kings 16:30-33, 17:1-7 & 18:1-46

Key to releasing God's power into our situation

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ¹⁷ 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! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops." James 5:16b-18

1. **Pray**

2. **Pray earnestly & listen**

Elijah had to pray 7 times for rain before a cloud appeared (1 Kings 17:1b & 18:44)

3. **Pray & obey**

i. **Get right with God**

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person..." James 5:16

ii. **Go**

"Then the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook..." 1 Kings 17:2-3

"So Elijah did as the Lord told him" 1 Kings 17:5

"Then the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go and live in the village of Zarephath..." 1 Kings 17:8-9

"So he went to Zarephath." 1 Kings 17:10

"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

"So Elijah went to appear before Ahab." 1 Kings 18:2

iii. **Give the credit to God**

"Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. ³⁷ O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."

³⁸ Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven" 1 Kings 18:36-38a