

Lesson #6

★ James 5:13-18

*¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. 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 earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.***

Abraham

★ James 2:21-24

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? ²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Rahab

★ James 2:25

²⁵ In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Job

★ James 5:11

¹¹ We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

Elijah

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★ Malachi 4:5

⁵ “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

Elijah has been called:

“The grandest and most romantic character that Israel ever produced.”

➔ By stressing the humanity of Elijah, James D_____ the natural reaction of his readers to object and say that common people, common mortals like themselves could never expect to achieve the prayer results of a grand person like Elijah.

➔ Elijah was not S_____.

Elijah prayed with expectancy that his prayers would touch the heart of the All-Powerful God.

“Elijah failed in the very point at which he was strongest, and that is where most men fail.” **Charles H. Spurgeon**

A Nature Like Ours

HOMIOPATHES

➤ **HOMIOS:** S + **PATHOS:** P.

➤ **HOMIOPATHES** literally means similar passion and so describes one who is liable to be A in the same way.

Elijah Prayed Earnestly That It Would Not Rain..

★ **1 Kings 17:1**

Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

➤ James uses the noun for prayer, **PROSEUCHE**, and the verb for prayer, **PROSEUCHOMAI**, together which I the force of the verb.

➔ Literally the Greek reads "with P_____ He prayed."

And It Did Not Rain On The Earth For Three Years And Six Months...

★ **Luke 4:25-26**

²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

★ **1 Kings 18 42:46**

*⁴² 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.***

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."

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.'"

⁴⁵ Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ The power of

the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

★ James 5:18

Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

➔ GOD A ELIJAH'S PRAYER

★ Psalm 91:14-16

*“Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name.
“He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
“With a long life I will satisfy him
And let him see My salvation.”*

★ John 15:7

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.*

★ James 5:13-18

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.