

How to pray

Elijah as an example of a “righteous man” whose prayers released power. “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” James 5:16 (NIV)

The background of this incident is found in 1 Kings 17-18

“Elijah was a man just like us,” James 5:17, (NIV) He was not perfect; in fact, right after his victory on Mt. Carmel, Elijah became afraid and discouraged and ran away. But he was a “righteous man.

Elijah prayed in faith, for God told him He would send the rain 1 Kings 18:1 (NIV)

Elijah was not only believing in his praying, but he was persistent. “He prayed . . . and he prayed again” James 5:17-18 (NIV).

Elijah was determined and concerned in his praying. “He prayed earnestly” (James 5:17) (NIV)

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