

## Days of Elijah pt6 – Everyday Pattern for Miracles Everyday

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[Jas 5:16-18 NASB95] 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.

[1Ki 18:41-46 NASB95] 41 Now Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of the roar of a [heavy] shower." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he crouched down on the earth and put his face between his knees. 43 He said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go back" seven times. 44 It came about at the seventh [time,] that he said, "Behold, a cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare [your chariot] and go down, so that the [heavy] shower does not stop you.'" 45 In a little while the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel.

- Miracles do not have to be rare.
- James holds Elijah's example of getting a miracle as pattern faith-filled NT believers should follow.

What pattern can NT believers follow from Elijah's life?

Here are three parts of the pattern NT believers can follow from Elijah's life.

### I. A prophetic statement of faith.

- a. V. 41 – Was he hearing these in the natural or by faith? By faith of course.
- b. Everything God said in Genesis 1 occurred after He said it.
- c. Mark 11:22-23
- d. Positive or negative, your words produce for you. Other miracles will confirm this truth.
- e. Tips on prophetic statements of faith:
  - i. Needs to follow closely with the Word of God as you can. Some situations might not be addressed directly in the Bible.
  - ii. Stay away from things that will negatively affect people.
- f. What are you believing God for today? Not to antagonize you, but to help you.
- g. Are your words being used on purpose? They (your words) should be used on purpose.

### II. An expectant prayer.

- a. V. 42-43
- b. He prayed and looked. Eight times total.
- c. The Word of Faith message is one of the most potent systematic theologies in Christianity. Applying the principles of the Word of Faith has helped and continues to help my family and me to experience great miracles.
  - i. One principle that is taught is wrong. The erroneous Word of Faith principle is that if a person continues to pray about an issue after they have already prayed, they do not believe that God has heard them the first time. The subsequent prayers would be considered full of doubt and unbelief.
  - ii. Was Elijah in doubt? Is James wrong to use this as an example of Bible faith? No. No.

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- d. The message we get from Elijah's prayer life is simple. Pray and look. Pray and look. Keep praying and keep looking. Don't stop praying. Don't stop looking.

### III. An act of faith.

- a. V. 44-45 – a cloud the size of a man's hand caused Elijah to know things were moving.
  - b. Learn to act when God acts.
  - c. Thank God when you see any movement.
  - d. Many miracles are progressive.
    - i. Don't only praise God or move when you see the miracle completed.
    - ii. How God works in our life with the Word. [Mar 4:26-29 NASB95] 26 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; 27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows how, he himself does not know. 28 "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. 29 "But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."
  - e. [Jas 2:17-26 NASB95] 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, [being] by itself. 18 But someone may [well] say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 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. 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? 26 For just as the body without [the] spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
  - f. Act in faith when you see God move. These acts can include praising God and testifying to the miracle.
- **Bonus: A supernatural empowerment.**
    - **V. 46 – Activating these principles with tap you into the power of the Holy Spirit. Walk (run) in the power of the Holy Spirit.**
  - **God wants us to experience miracles as we make statements of faith combined with expectant prayer and acts of faith while experiencing supernatural empowerment.**