

# “HOW TO PRAY LIKE ELIJAH”

## James 5:17-18

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Last time, we looked at “The Power of Prayer” from James 5:13-16.

**James brought before us four specific areas in which prayer was essential.**

- I. WHEN THERE IS SUFFERING ... PRAY! James 5:13
- II. WHEN THERE IS SICKNESS ... PRAY! James 5:14-15
- III. WHEN THERE IS SIN ... PRAY! James 5:16a
- IV. WHEN THERE IS SPECIFIC NEED ... PRAY! James 5:16b

**“The effective prayer of a righteous person has great power.”**

What does it mean to pray “effectively?”

- It \_\_\_\_\_ involves
- It \_\_\_\_\_ includes
- It embraces \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, James & 1 Kings show us reasons why Elijah’s prayer life was so effective.

**If our prayer lives are to be effective, these seven principles ought to be true.**

- I. **WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ . James 5:17a; 4:1-2**
- II. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . James 5:16b**
- III. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . James 5:17b**
- IV. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . James 5:17c-18**
- V. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . 1Kings 17:1; 18:41-44**

Elijah demonstrated convictions in order to accomplish God purposes:

- \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Kings 18:36a

- \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Kings 18:36b
- \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Kings 18:36c

- VI. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Kings 17:2; 18:36**
- VII. **WE MUST PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Kings 18:37**

### CONCLUSION

There are times when God does not answer or He delays answering our petitions. This may be due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Our failure to meet the conditions of His promises.
- Our not allowing Him to answer in His time and way (cp. Romans 15:30-32; Acts 27-28; Philippians 1:12-13).
- Our faulty relations with God or with other people (Psalm 66:18; 1 John 3:16-23; 1 Peter 3:1, 7; Proverbs 21:13).
- Our having improper motivation for prayer (James 4:3; 1 Cor. 10:31).
- Our experiencing satanic hindrance (Daniel 10:12-13).
- Our asking for that which is not for our good (Matthew 7:11; Romans 12:2; James 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:17).

### APPLICATIONS

Looking back over some areas of prayer James has mentioned, we can find that:

- Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
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