

ELIJAH: A PROPHET FOR CHALLENGING TIMES

Week 2: When The Answer to Prayer is: *Cricket*

1 Kings 18

Elijah was a prophet of God who, even though he was a committed man of God, encountered many personal spiritual challenges in his life. During this season of Lent we are delving into some of his issues and how he dealt with them.

God had called upon Elijah to confront the evil King Ahab for his leading the nation into idolatry. Because of his sin there will be a drought upon the land. After three years and a severe famine, Elijah confronts Ahab again.

- Showdown with the prophets of Baal.
- God wins (of course). The people’s hearts are turned back to God.
- Elijah tells Ahab it will rain.....so go party.
- Elijah prays to God for rain.....and gets nothing.

...Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said.

1 Kings 18.42-43

What to do When Your Answer to Prayer is: *Cricket*

1. PRAY SOME MORE .

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18.1

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6.9

2. Remember GOD’S PROMISES .

After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.” 1 Kings 18.1

3. Live in and call on GOD’S POWER .

*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.** Philippians 4.11-13*

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, **but gives us power, love and self-discipline.** 2 Timothy 1.7*

Sum it all up:

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12.12

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?