

# **Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!**

## **Lesson 27**

### **Read James 5:17 – 18**

**Introduction:** *“Elijah was a man just like us,” stated James (James 5:17). 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,” that is, obedient to the Lord and trusting Him. God’s promises of answered prayer are for all His children, not just for ones we may call the spiritual elite. Elijah prayed in faith, for God told him He would send the rain (1 Kings 18:1). “Prayer,” said Robert Law, “is not getting man’s will done in heaven. It’s getting God’s will done on earth.” You cannot separate the Word of God and prayer, for in His Word He gives us the promises that we claim when we pray.*

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1. In James 5:17 we read *“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...”*. Why do you think James reminds us of Elijah’s humanity when it comes to prayer?
  - What was the circumstances regarding the Apostle Peter found in Acts 10:9 – 26?
  - How did the Apostle Paul handle the crowd after he healed the lame man according to Acts 14:8 – 15?

- What mistake did the Apostle John make when he was overwhelmed by things he heard and saw according to Revelation 22:6 – 9? What did the angel tell John to do?

All of these men mentioned above were only men like you and me. They had the same sin nature as we do. They faced, just like we do, the question of walking by faith daily. God gave to them, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the confirmation of His Word, the ability to pray in faith according to God's will.

2. Read James 5:17 – 18. What did Elijah pray the first time he prayed? And what was his prayer the second time he prayed?

- Have you ever prayed a prayer asking God to do a miracle? Perhaps for something that was outside your control? How did God answer you?

- According to James 5:17 how did Elijah pray?

- How did Jesus teach us to pray in Luke 11:5 – 10?

3. According to Deuteronomy 11:16 – 17 what was God's warning to His people?

- What did God say we should do with His word in Deuteronomy 11:18 – 21?

4. What did God say about King Ahab in 1 Kings 16:33?

- According to 1 Kings 17:1 what was Elijah's pronouncement to Ahab?

- What did Elijah say to Ahab found in 1 Kings 18:17 – 20?

5. What question did Elijah asked the children of Israel in 1 Kings 18:21?

- That same question could be asked of us today: "*How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him*"? Are you following the Lord with your whole heart? Are you completely surrendered to Him?

- What did Joshua declare in Joshua 24:14 – 15?
- According to Luke 9:18 – 26 what did Jesus ask and proclaim to His disciples?

6. Read the story of the victory on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18:22 – 46. What were the two prayers that Elijah prayed? What are the differences between these two prayers?

Prayer # 1:

Prayer # 2:

- What were the results of Elijah's prayers? What lessons can we learn from Elijah's example? Has God been faithful in answering your prayers?