



1 Kings 18:41-46

“It’s On Its Way”

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.” 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.”

2 Ways of preparation

Carnal- AHAB

Spiritual- ELIJAH

Mount Carmel was a unique mountain.



When the Bible mentions the number **7**, that is a context clue to us, the reader, that something is happening in a supernatural manner, or a metaphorical manner of “completeness”. One could read it as a trigger or a buzz word.

The situation was about to unfold!

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say

to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” 45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

Jentezen Franklin- (Georgia) Seeding the clouds for future generations. (I will use quotes from him at times)

The Power of Prayer

- **Based on God’s promise**
- **Definite and to the point** he did not generalize, but particularized
- **Fervent prayer**
- **Watchfulness- Psalm 130**
- **Perseverance Psalm 40:1-5**

✓ He knew the Word of God!

God’s Word is your daily bread. If you only read three chapters of the Bible a day, you will read 92% of the Bible in a year. God is sending you letters every day through His Word; read them! Seed your heart with the Word of God and then open your mouth and make prophetic declarations concerning your life.

Do it for your family- for future generations.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails 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 land for three years and six months.
18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth
produced its fruit.** James 5

✓ 2. He didn't give up because of what he saw!

Even if nothing seems to be happening, it doesn't mean something isn't going on behind the scenes. Keep checking again and again until you see the miracle.

Patient, persistence- Go again...

Many say quit, it's not worth it!

III. 50 houses a day- met pastor of many years- discouraging

III. You don't need to build a bigger building.

The examples are many!

"I don't see any change... keep going—he heard the sound of the abundance of rain.

Many people want to dictate your life- they act like it's their responsibility to tell you how to live! They act as if they have all the answers for your life!

DON'T LET PEOPLE DICTATE YOUR LIFE. KEEP AWAY FROM NEGATIVE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO TELL YOU HOW TO LIVE YOUR LIFE!

Faith sees the unseen, hears the unheard, and believes what God says above what their natural senses tell them.

A Cloud as small as a man's hand is rising in the sea

3. He didn't wait until the rain started!

⇒ **Get a vision. Don't let your age stop you from dreaming. What you're doing while you're praying will go to the third and fourth generations after you.**

Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.

THIS IS WALKING BY FAITH AND BELIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE!

“That space between when you hear the sound of rain in the spirit and when you feel it on your skin.”- Christine Caine

⇒ Oh devil you will not have my family, you will not have my children- speak it out- prophetic declaration.

DON'T LOSE YOUR VISION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

⇒ Every move you make, and every risk you take, is setting the stage for someone in your family to take the same steps of faith you are taking. No matter how small it seems to be, little is much in the hands of God. People tend to think about here and now, but God thinks about nations and generations ahead.

My testimony is a prophecy to someone else! Stop talking the negative stuff! We talk to mountains and tell them to get out of the way!

People will think we are crazy!

Our young people- God has a purpose for your life and we will live for future generations.

We need to stop praying puny prayers, but realize our God can do things exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. It doesn't matter how complicated it is to get you there.

Caleb (85) was still taking mountains for his family! 3rd and 4th generation.

Greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world.

The gates of hell will not prevail against us!

Joshua- But as for me and my house!

You are a living epistle- ² *You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.* - 2 Corinthians 3

Revelation 23 Acts 29! He is still writing your story.

You are where you are because someone else seeded the cloud for you.

MEANWHILE (IN THE MEANTIME)

✓ 4. He understood the impact of the miracle!

⇒ **The more you worship, the more God's rain will fall upon you, your children, and your children's children.**

Zechariah 14:17, 18- And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

NO WORSHIP NO RAIN

The more you send up the more will come down! WORSHIP!!

A Praise break—Rain is coming to your house, family, marriage, children, business- your purpose, your calling.

SEND IT UP!

Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

17-30 miles