

# Devoted to Prayer (1 Kings 18:41-46)

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Let us compare our praying to Elijah's praying: 1 Kings 18:41-46; James 5:16-18.

## **Earnest Praying:(1 Kings 18:41, 42)**

1. Elijah prays (v. 42; James 5:18).
2. Elijah prays based on a promise and faith (1 Kings 18:1), but why?
3. Prayer is God's ordained way of giving us what he promises.
4. Elijah prays "earnestly" (v. 42; James 5:17).
5. Postures for prayer: Kneeling (Dan. 6); Bowing (Neh. 8; Exod. 4); On one's face (Matt. 26:39); Standing (Luke 18:11).

## **Expectant Praying (1 Kings 18:43, 44)**

1. Elijah keeps praying even when "there is nothing" (v.43).
2. Illustration of "7up."
3. Acts 12:5-16.
4. Develop a procedure for expecting answers to prayer.

## **Enhanced Praying (v. 45, 46)**

1. V. 45-46.
2. Great praying involves us in great ministry.
3. Enhance prayer with personal involvement.

**Conclusion:** "We have not because we asked not" (James 4:2)