

Expectant Prayer

Tonight: Learn how to Pray expectant prayers, and how applying the Lord's prayer to my daily prayer walk took my prayer life to the next level

Scripture:

1 Kings 18:42b-44.

"Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel," which is a mountain there. And it says, "He bent down to the ground, and he put his face between his knees. 'Go and look toward the sea,' he told a servant." And so the servant, he went up and he looked, and he came back. He said, "Hey, Elijah, nothing's there." And he said it seven times, Elijah said. He said, "Go back," and the seventh time, the servant replied, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."

Four Qualities of Effective prayer:

1. Effective Prayers are Humble Prayers.

1 Kings 18:42 "bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

2. Effective Prayers are Specific Prayers.

1 Kings 18:43 "Go look at the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there, he said.

3. Effective Prayers are Persistent prayers. They are Persistent.

1 Kings 18:43 "Go look at the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there, he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

Elijah doesn't allow the outward circumstances of what's going on to affect his inward assurance.

4. Effective Prayers are Expectant Prayers.

1 Kings 18:44 - 46a 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 came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the Lord came upon Elijah

Key to increasing your Prayer Life

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6: 9-13

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the Glory forever

Prayer.