

## I Kings 18:26-19

### Chapter 18

#### Overview

- \* V1-15 – Elijah meets Obadiah
- \* V16-20 – Elijah Confronts Ahab; Challenges Prophets/Baal/Asherah
- \* V20-40 – Prophets/Baal Call/Cut; Elijah mocks; Prays/God; Executes
- \* V41-46 – Elijah prays 7 times/Drought ends; Beats Ahab to Jezreel

#### Point #3      **Effective/Fervent Prayer**

**V43-44** – Prayed 7 Times, until what he prayed for happened

**17:21** – Elijah prayed 3 times until what he prayed for happened

**James 5:16-18** – What does James use Elijah as a model for us?

**James 5:16-18** <sup>16</sup>Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The (effective, fervent) prayer of a righteous man avails much. // <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

\* Example of Righteousness – As in Perfect – No! But “Right with God” YES! Read 1 Kings 17-18!

\* Example of Effective/Fervent (Gk – *energeo*); Prayer (Gk – *deesis*) = Petition/Requests

**Luke 18:1** <sup>1</sup>Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

**Luke 11:8** <sup>8</sup>I say to you, though he will not rise and give (bread) to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

### Chapter 19

#### Overview

V1-3 – Jezebel threatens to kill him & he runs for his life to Beersheba

V4-8 – Prays/Might die; Angel feeds him; 40 days/nights; to Horeb

V9-10 – Angel meets Elijah – What are you doing here?; I Alone/Left!

V11-14 – God/not in Wind/Earthquake/Fire; Still small voice; What are you doing here? I alone am left!

V15-18 – Go Anoint Hazael/Syria; Jehu/Israel; Elisha/Replacement; I have reserved 7,000 in Israel!!!

V19-21 – Elijah calls Elisha

#### Point #4      **The LORD is Always There!**

\* Review the Chapter to see a progression:

1. V2 - Jezebel Threat – Real? YES! 18:4 – Says Jezebel had massacred the prophets of the LORD

\* What was Elijah? A prophet of the LORD!

2. Then What Happens – Elijah runs, and runs, and runs – 200+ miles!

\* Why? – Fear! Of what? Death! What does he pray (v4) – That he might die!

- If he wanted to die, why not just stay!

- Fear makes us very (un)irrational, and unspriritual/unbiblical/ungodly (without God)

\* Where did Fear drive him to? Very Far Away, Into Very Dark Place

\* Who was there? Angel of the Lord...Ultimately God!

- What do they both ask him? What are you doing here?

- What is his response? The same to both!

3. V18 – Ultimately God shows Elijah just how able He is – Has saved 7,000!

**Psalms 139:7-12** – Where can I go from Your presence?

**Acts 18:9-10** – Lord's words to Paul in Prison – For doing Good!!!

\* Remember the LORD is always there!!!