

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

1 Kings Series: Chapters 12-22





EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL PRAYER

1 KINGS 18:41-46; JAMES 5:16-18

**⁴¹AND ELIJAH SAID TO AHAB, “GO UP, EAT AND DRINK,
FOR THERE IS A SOUND OF THE RUSHING OF RAIN.”**

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

**⁴²SO AHAB WENT UP TO EAT AND TO DRINK. AND ELIJAH WENT
UP TO THE TOP OF MOUNT CARMEL. AND HE BOWED HIMSELF
DOWN ON THE EARTH AND PUT HIS FACE BETWEEN HIS KNEES.**

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

⁴³AND HE SAID TO HIS SERVANT, “GO UP NOW, LOOK TOWARD THE SEA.” AND HE WENT UP AND LOOKED AND SAID, “THERE IS NOTHING.” AND HE SAID, “GO AGAIN,” SEVEN TIMES.

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

⁴⁴AND AT THE SEVENTH TIME HE SAID, “BEHOLD, A LITTLE CLOUD LIKE A MAN’S HAND IS RISING FROM THE SEA.” AND HE SAID, “GO UP, SAY TO AHAB, ‘PREPARE YOUR CHARIOT AND GO DOWN, LEST THE RAIN STOP YOU.’”

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

**⁴⁵AND IN A LITTLE WHILE THE HEAVENS GREW BLACK
WITH CLOUDS AND WIND, AND THERE WAS A GREAT
RAIN. AND AHAB RODE AND WENT TO JEZREEL.**

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

**⁴⁶AND THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS ON ELIJAH, AND HE
GATHERED UP HIS GARMENT AND RAN BEFORE AHAB
TO THE ENTRANCE OF JEZREEL.**

1 KINGS 18:41-46 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with alternating light and dark squares. In the foreground, two light-colored wooden pawns are positioned side-by-side. Behind them, several dark-colored wooden pieces, including pawns and a king, are visible. A black rectangular banner with white text is centered over the middle of the image.

**AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE...
IS EXPERIENCED BY THOSE WHO ARE ARE HUMBLE AND
PERSISTENT IN PRAYER**

**⁴²SO AHAB WENT UP TO EAT AND TO DRINK. AND ELIJAH WENT
UP TO THE TOP OF MOUNT CARMEL. AND HE BOWED HIMSELF
DOWN ON THE EARTH AND PUT HIS FACE BETWEEN HIS KNEES.**

1 KINGS 18:42 (ESV)

⁴³AND HE SAID TO HIS SERVANT, “GO UP NOW, LOOK TOWARD THE SEA.” AND HE WENT UP AND LOOKED AND SAID, “THERE IS NOTHING.” AND HE SAID, “GO AGAIN,” SEVEN TIMES.

1 KINGS 18:43-44 (ESV)

⁴⁴AND AT THE SEVENTH TIME HE SAID, “BEHOLD, A LITTLE CLOUD LIKE A MAN’S HAND IS RISING FROM THE SEA.” AND HE SAID, “GO UP, SAY TO AHAB, ‘PREPARE YOUR CHARIOT AND GO DOWN, LEST THE RAIN STOP YOU.’”

1 KINGS 18:43-44 (ESV)

**¹AND HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE TO THE EFFECT THAT
THEY OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART.
LUKE 18:1 (ESV)**

**¹⁶THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER AND PRAY
FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING.**

JAMES 5:16-18 (ESV)

**¹⁷ELIJAH WAS A MAN WITH A NATURE LIKE OURS, AND HE
PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT RAIN, AND FOR THREE
YEARS AND SIX MONTHS IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE EARTH.**

JAMES 5:16-18 (ESV)

**¹⁸THEN HE PRAYED AGAIN, AND HEAVEN GAVE RAIN, AND
THE EARTH BORE ITS FRUIT.**

JAMES 5:16-18 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with alternating light and dark squares. In the foreground, two light-colored wooden pawns are positioned side-by-side. Behind them, several dark-colored wooden pieces, including pawns and a king, are visible. A black rectangular banner with white text is centered over the middle of the image.

**AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE...
IS RELATED TO KEEPING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE
BEFORE GOD AND OTHERS**

**¹⁶THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER AND PRAY
FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING.**

JAMES 5:16 (ESV)

⁷LIKEWISE, HUSBANDS, LIVE WITH YOUR WIVES IN AN UNDERSTANDING WAY, SHOWING HONOR TO THE WOMAN AS THE WEAKER VESSEL, SINCE THEY ARE HEIRS WITH YOU OF THE GRACE OF LIFE, SO THAT YOUR PRAYERS MAY NOT BE HINDERED.

1 PETER 3:7 (ESV)

**¹⁸IF I HAD CHERISHED INIQUITY IN MY HEART,
THE LORD WOULD NOT HAVE LISTENED.**

PSALM 66:18 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with alternating light and dark squares. In the foreground, two light-colored wooden chess pieces, a king and a queen, are positioned side-by-side. Behind them, several dark-colored wooden pieces are visible, slightly out of focus. A black rectangular banner with white text is centered across the middle of the image.

AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE...
IS AVAILABLE TO ANY BELIEVER

**¹⁷ELIJAH WAS A MAN WITH A NATURE LIKE OURS, AND HE
PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT RAIN, AND FOR THREE
YEARS AND SIX MONTHS IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE EARTH.**

JAMES 5:17 (ESV)

**¹⁶LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR TO THE
THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND
FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.**

HEBREWS 4:16 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of a chessboard. In the center, an orange king and queen are positioned side-by-side. The king has a cross-shaped finial, and the queen has a crown-shaped finial. They are surrounded by other chess pieces, including dark brown pawns in the background and light-colored pawns in the foreground. The chessboard has a checkered pattern of light and dark squares.

**AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE...
COMES FROM PRAYING FERVENTLY AND EXPECTANTLY**

**¹⁷ELIJAH WAS A MAN WITH A NATURE LIKE OURS, AND HE
PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT RAIN, AND FOR THREE
YEARS AND SIX MONTHS IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE EARTH.**

JAMES 5:17 (ESV)

**³⁰I APPEAL TO YOU, BROTHERS, BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
AND BY THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT, TO STRIVE TOGETHER
WITH ME IN YOUR PRAYERS TO GOD ON MY BEHALF,
ROMANS 15:30-32 (ESV)**

**³¹THAT I MAY BE DELIVERED FROM THE UNBELIEVERS IN
JUDEA, AND THAT MY SERVICE FOR JERUSALEM MAY BE
ACCEPTABLE TO THE SAINTS,**

ROMANS 15:30-32 (ESV)

**³²SO THAT BY GOD'S WILL I MAY COME TO YOU WITH JOY
AND BE REFRESHED IN YOUR COMPANY.**

ROMANS 15:30-32 (ESV)

**¹²EPAPHRAS, WHO IS ONE OF YOU, A SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS,
GREETES YOU, ALWAYS STRUGGLING ON YOUR BEHALF IN HIS PRAYERS,
THAT YOU MAY STAND MATURE AND FULLY ASSURED IN ALL THE WILL
OF GOD.**

COLOSSIANS 4:12 (ESV)

**⁴²SO AHAB WENT UP TO EAT AND TO DRINK. AND ELIJAH WENT
UP TO THE TOP OF MOUNT CARMEL. AND HE BOWED HIMSELF
DOWN ON THE EARTH AND PUT HIS FACE BETWEEN HIS KNEES.**

1 KINGS 18:42-43 (ESV)

⁴³AND HE SAID TO HIS SERVANT, “GO UP NOW, LOOK TOWARD THE SEA.” AND HE WENT UP AND LOOKED AND SAID, “THERE IS NOTHING.” AND HE SAID, “GO AGAIN,” SEVEN TIMES.

1 KINGS 18:42-43 (ESV)

**³IN THE MORNING, LORD, YOU HEAR MY VOICE;
IN THE MORNING I LAY MY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU
AND WAIT EXPECTANTLY.**

PSALMS 5:3 (NIV)