

- **1 Kings 18:41-46** NKJV ... 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." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." 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.

Prayer Keys to Experiencing the Rain of God in Your Life

 **1. Destroy Baal.**

- **Hebrews 10:26-27** NIV ... 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment
Notes:

 **2. Pray Based on God's Promises.**

- **1 Kings 18:41** NKJV ... Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."
- **1 Kings 17:1** NKJV ... And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."
- **1 John 5:14-15** NKJV ... Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- **Jeremiah 1:12** NASB ... Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am [a]watching over My word to perform it."
- **Hebrews 11:1** ... Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.
Notes:

 **3. Embrace the Power of Prayer.**

- **1 Kings 18:42** NKJV ... 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...
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 **4. Expect God to Answer.**

- **1 Kings 18:42-43** NKJV 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."
- **Mark 11:24** NKJV ... Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
Notes:

 **5. Persist Until You See the Promise.**

- **1 Kings 18:43b** NKJV ... and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."
- **1 Kings 18:44** NKJV ... 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.'"
Notes:

 **6. Say it Until You See it.**

- **1 Kings 18:44** NKJV ... "Go tell Ahab to get in his chariot and go home otherwise the rain will stop him."
- **1 Samuel 17:46** NIV ... This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.
- **Daniel 3: 17** NIV ... If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.
- **Matthew 9:24** NIV ... The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.
- **1 Kings 18:44** NIV ... Go tell Ahab to hitch up his chariot before his wheels get stuck in the mud from the rain storm that's about to be let loose!
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Conclusion : **1 Kings 18:45** NKJV ... Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain.