

2026-10-28 Summary

What does it look like to pray with the kind of faith that moves mountains and holds back rain? In this message rooted in 1 Kings 18, we take a close look at one of Scripture's most compelling portraits of persistent, expectant prayer. Elijah stands on a mountaintop, face between his knees, praying for rain he has already declared will come -- not because he controls the weather, but because God told him it was time. Seven trips up the mountain by his servant, seven reports of nothing, and then finally, a cloud no bigger than a man's hand rising from the sea. That small cloud was enough. Elijah knew that if God said it, it was already done. The central challenge this message places before us is deeply personal: are our prayer lives still operating at the level of a childhood wish list, or have they grown into something deeper -- a genuine, two-way relationship with God? We are invited to consider not just how often we pray, but how we pray, what we expect when we pray, and whether we are truly listening for God's voice in return. The spiritual lesson here is not about technique but about trust. Elijah did not pray because he understood everything. He prayed because he believed God.