

## Elijah: Man of Prayer

### (3) Praying for Fire before Praying for Rain

*“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.  
“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly.”* Jas 5:16-17

#### **1. The Promise of Rain**

#### **2. The State of the Nation**

- 1) Wicked Leadership
  - Jezebel
  - Ahab
- 2) Wicked Religious Leaders
- 3) A Few Good Men
- 4) Mixed Religion

#### **3. False prayer**

- 1) Praying to the wrong god
- 2) Praying with affected emotionalism
- 3) Praying with affected fervency
- 4) Praying with affected religiosity

#### **4. True prayer**

- 1) True prayer is based on sacrifice
- 2) True prayer is grounded in God's covenant with us
- 3) True prayer is concerned for God's glory
- 4) True prayer is accompanied by repentance

#### **5. Prayer is to be followed up with action**

- 1) The people confessed their faith in true God
- 2) The people put away their idolatry