

Elijah: Man of Prayer

(5) The Prayer of Despair after Failed Expectations

“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. Great Expectations

2. “Deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked”

3. Fleeing by sight, instead of walking by faith

- 1) He saw
- 2) He ran for his life
- 3) He ran all the way to Horeb (Mt Sinai)

4. Elijah’s prayers

- 1) “Take my life”
- 2) “I alone am left”
- 3) “I alone am left”

5. God’s Answers

- 1) God’s 1st answer: To send a ministering angel

The angel reminded Elijah

- of God’s Power
- of God’s Mercy
- of Obedience
- that God can use all sorts of Means to accomplish His purpose

- 2) God’s 2nd answer: Wind, Earthquake, Fire

- 3) God’s 3rd answer: The Still, Small Voice

*“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way,
“To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”*

