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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

When you pray do you truly believe that God will bring the answer? Do you have to see it to believe it? That is not faith. You must see it coming to pass in your spirit before you see it in the natural.

In I Kings 18 Elijah had the miracle that resulted in the prophets of Bál being destroyed by the brook of Kishon. After this Elijah said to Ahab, ***“Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.”*** In chapter 17 Elijah had prophesied that there would be no rain according to his word, and it had not rained for three years. It affected everyone, including Elijah. Now he is telling King Ahab that rain was coming when there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

Ahab had seen the powerful anointing on Elijah, and the miracles and did what Elijah said, and went up to eat and drink. Elijah took his servant with him up to the top of Mt. Carmel. Elijah cast himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. This is an act of humility and prayer. He tells his servant ***“Go up now, look toward the sea.”*** The servant did and came back and said, ***“There is nothing.”*** Elijah told him to go again. He did this seven times. The seventh time the servant came back and said there was a “little cloud” the size of a man's hand.” It wasn't raining yet in vs. 18:44 my friends, but Elijah told Ahab to get into his chariot and go. It wasn't raining but he told him not to let the rain stop him.

In v. 45 ***“And it came to pass in the meanwhile that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.”*** The hand of the Lord was upon Elijah, and though Ahab was in a chariot, he outran Ahab and came to the entrance of Jezreel before Ahab – another miracle.

Elijah's words stopped the rain for three years and then spoke rain into existence with words. Our words are so powerful. Did it happen the moment he spoke it? No, but it was on its way. The servant didn't have the faith that Elijah had. If he did, he would have said “I don't see it, but I believe it is coming.” It took seven times for him to bring a good report, and that only happened when he saw a cloud. The servant had seen what happened to the prophets of Bál, but he didn't trust enough to “see” another miracle. It hadn't rained in three years. No way, he must have thought. I'll go, but I don't see anything happening.”

Many times, we are like that servant. We want to see to believe, but that is not faith. We have to see it in our spirit and speak it forth before it comes into the natural realm. Are you waiting for something in your life? What are you seeing? Do you “see” your loved ones saved, or are you waiting until it happens. Elijah called those things that were not as if they were, and they came. That is faith. We must do the same thing. Keep your spirit eyes on the promises of God until it manifests. Don't quit seeing it! Don't look at the “cloudless” sky. Don't look at the circumstances. Call it forth over your life, and it will come, because all of God's promises are yes and amen.