

Text 1 Kings 18

1) The 'Sound' of the Word

- Elijah has prophesied – **RAIN is COMING** – and there is **NO rain**
- **How many times have we had a 'Word from the Lord' – but no RESULTS (yet)**
- Sound of Abundance of Rain **1 Kings 18:41**
- Did Elijah **HEAR** the sound of rain in **His Spirit** first before he **SAW** the rain?
- When he heard the sound, He went to pray for it to manifest in the physical

What do you do with the WORD and no sound yet?

a) Firstly - Get the 'SOUND' of the Word – Ponder what God said

- We ponder that Word, re-read the scripture
- Keep on **UNTIL** we hear the **SOUND** in our spirits – the sound roars in our hearts
- **Nothing has changed! – There is still no rain – But I can hear it – I can taste it**
- Elijah let the Word remain – He let the Word of God live in his heart **John 15:7 (NKJV)**
(NLT) My words remain in you / (TPT)- My words live powerfully within you...
(AMP) My message lives in your heart / (MSG) - my words are at home in you...

b) Secondly – Get rid of Distractions

- What do you do with the Word and the Sound (or no sound) **1 Kings 18:42-43**
- **Get rid of Ahab** – Get rid of distractions – tune into God
- Elijah went up to the top of Mt Carmel, prayed, undistracted – PRAY
Look at his posture...
 - Bowed down– face between knees – totally undistracted!
 - Can't see the news, can't hear people, no phones, can't even see – **the NO rain!**

2) Elijah then Prayed

- Elijah was the **Last Man Standing: Testifying**
 - Now he's the **Last Man Standing - Praying** for what he hears in his heart – Rain
- **He prayed without any evidence of a result!**
- **He continued to pray until the Word & the Sound in his heart became a Reality**
(Pray until the Word manifest from the spiritual realm into the physical realm)
- The evidence may start as a small thing and grow and grow – continue to pray
 - Would **we** pray with joyful expectancy, no matter how long it takes, how many times there is nothing yet. Never tiring Asking for the Holy Spirit's help to pray **Rom 8:22-28 (msg)**

3) Conclusion – How can I be the last man standing - Praying?

- Receive and believe the Word of God
- Ponder the Word from God until you hear the sound
Hear the sound of the Holy Spirit in your spirit
- Eliminate all distractions (contrary voices), negative influences
- Pray tirelessly, undistracted, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit - eyes and heart focused on the answer - for the word to become evident.

Prayer turns ordinary mortals into men of power

It brings Power. It brings Fire

It brings Rain. It brings Life

It brings GOD

- Samuel Chadwick