

Appendix J

The Prayer of Elijah on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18:1-43)

- Elijah **trusted** the instructions **God** had given him (I Kings 18:1-2)—to do this he had to *listen* to God. How much of the Word of God have you studied? How many of His promises and principles are you familiar with?
- Elijah **acted** solely for **God's glory** (cp. Daniel 9:17-19), and God's glory *in the eyes of all who watched* (I Kings 18:1-2; cp. John 11:41-42)—Have you ever asked yourself why you are asking God for this or that? How much *selfishness* is involved in the request?
- Elijah put 'feet' to his prayers (I Kings 18:41, 44)—he **acted** in order to give God a chance to work through him. Do you act on your prayers, or merely ask, and then sit back and wait? Could you help be an answer to your own prayers (cp. Isaiah 6:5, 8; James 4:17)?
- Elijah **persevered** (I Kings 18:43; cp. Luke 11:1, 8-9; 18:1-7)—doing everything he could—following God's 'next step' instructions, **while he was waiting** for God to do the 'impossible'.