

Before the THRONE

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1 Kings 18:42-44

Revival

“So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” And he went up, and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And *Elijah* said, “Go again seven times.” And it came to pass at the seventh time that *the servant* said, “Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.” And *Elijah* said, “Go up, and say to Ahab, ‘Prepare thy chariot, and get down, that the rain doesn’t stop you.’” 1 Kings 18:42-44

Persistence! Patient endurance! Unrelenting faith’s expectancy! “It doesn’t matter whether the clouds are in the sky – rain is coming! Go look again!” Such is the promise of God. Such is the determination of the man of God to see the promise fulfilled! Charles Finney the great 19th Century American revivalist, even surprised himself when in prayer he heard himself crying out, “I hope Thou dost not think that I can be denied. I come with Thy faithful promises in my hand, and I can not be denied.”¹

Like the persistent widow of Luke 18, or the daring gentile mother of Matthew 15, we must press the promise of God for the answer! We must stand in holy determination and be clothed with the Spirit’s boldness, breaking through the spiritual lethargy of the people and the demonic influences that hold men’s hearts and minds captive!

Intercessors, pray on in confident assurance! Church leaders, prepare yourselves for revival’s outpouring! Mom and Dad, don’t give up on your wayward child – pray on!

Pray on! Pray on! Pray on!

¹ “Charles Finney” by Basil Miller, page 50 Dimension Books