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“Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a little cloud about the size of a hand rising from the sea.” Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him, “Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!” And sure enough, the sky was soon black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel. Now the LORD gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel..” 1 Kings 18:44b – 46

Miracles are not the end for the Christian. Our final destination is not heaven. “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.” (Philippians 3:10-11) “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” (John 14:6)

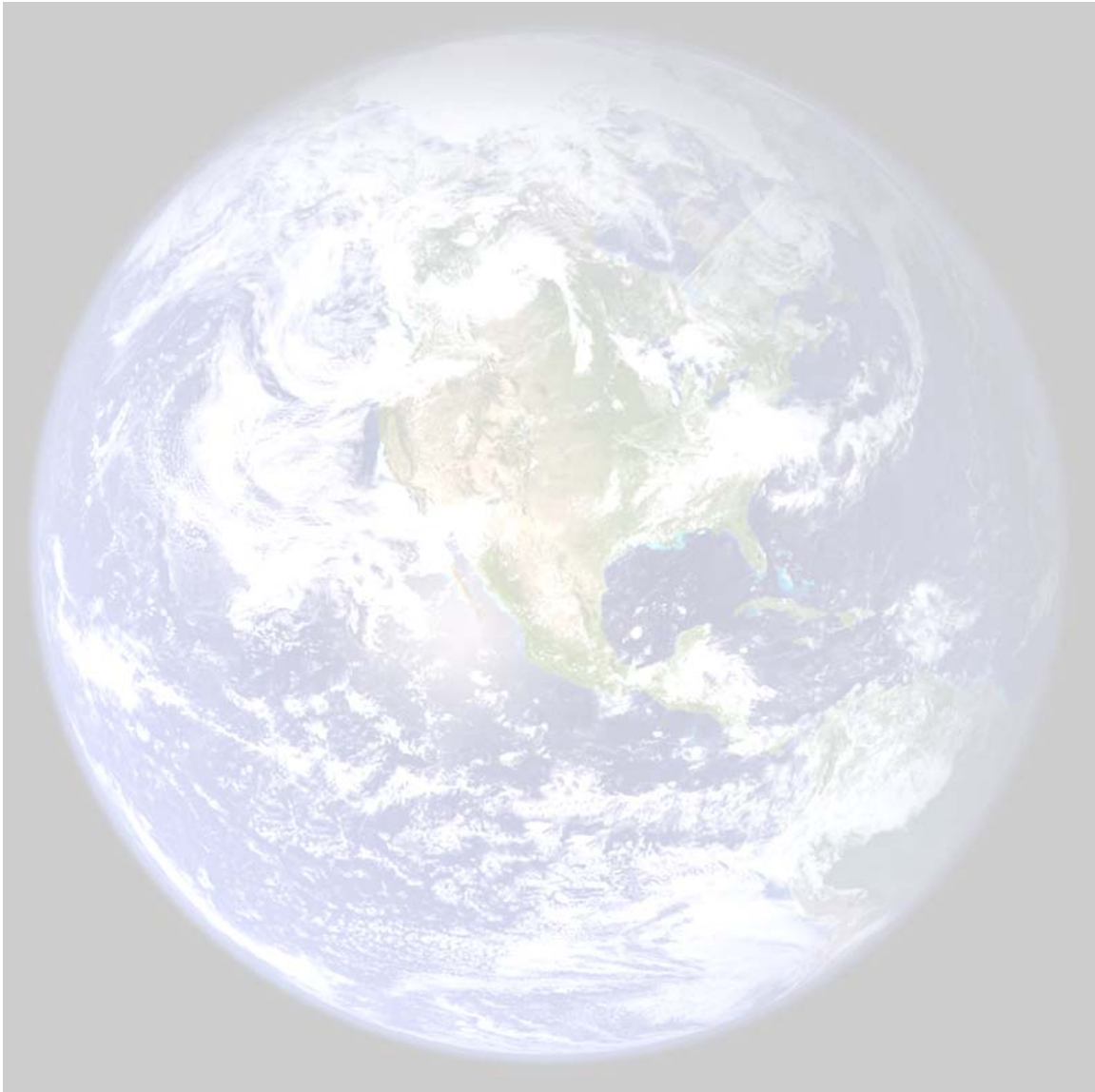
There it is... our final end is the resurrection that we might be with the Father! But sadly, along the way to Father's house there are many side roads and detours. We must, as the writer of Hebrews encourages us to do, “fix your eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:2) Unless our eyes are fixed – set upon Him – we are in danger of missing the path. “If you don't hurry the rain will stop you.” Never linger over a miracle of God – continue pressing on to know Jesus, lest the “rain”, the miracle of God, the answer to prayer detour you from your goal – the Father's presence!

Elijah, in the power of the Spirit ran ahead, all the way to the gate of Jezreel. We too, must run hard, fast, and true to the final gate in this life. “Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win.” (1 Corinthians 9:24 NLT) “No, dear friends, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Run, eyes fixed on Jesus, until your race is finished and you behold His face – face to face!

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