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“I urge Texans of all faiths and traditions to offer prayers on that day for the healing of our land, the rebuilding of our communities and the restoration of our normal and robust way of life.”

(From Governor Rick Perry’s Prayer Proclamation, as quoted by Kate Galebraith’s article *Governor Declares Days of Prayer for Rain* at texastribune.org, April 21, 2011)



Matthew 7:7 (ESV): “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

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Mark 11:23 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.”

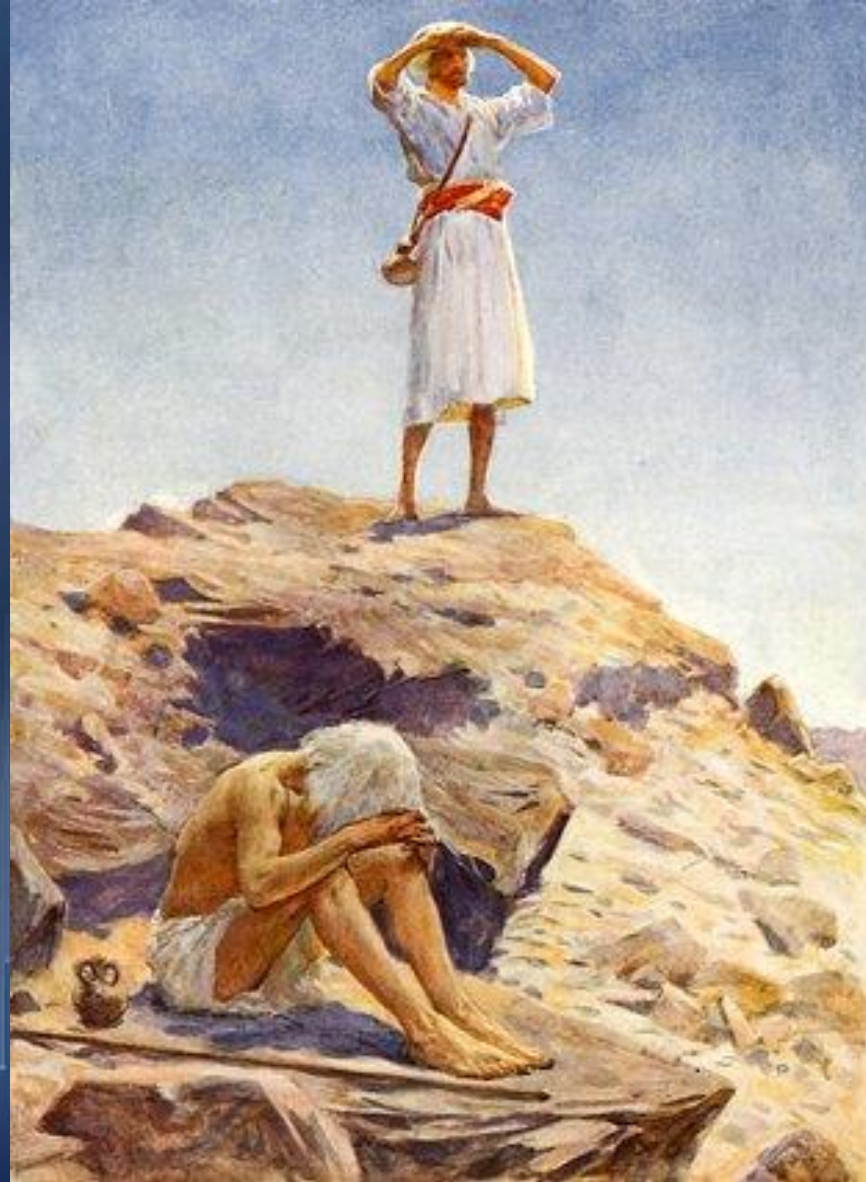
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**1 Kings 18:41-46 (ESV): “And Elijah said to Ahab, ‘Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain.’
42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees.
43 And he said to his servant, ‘Go up now, look toward the sea.’ And he went up and looked and said, ‘There is nothing.’ And he said, ‘Go again,’ seven times....”**

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“...44 And at the seventh time he said, ‘Behold, a little cloud like a man’s hand is rising from the sea.’ And he said, ‘Go up, say to Ahab, “Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.”’ 45 And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. 46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.”

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2 Corinthians 2:12 (ESV): “Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.”

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Ephesians 2:7-8 (ESV): “In the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

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1 Kings 18:1 (ESV): “After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, ‘Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.’”

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GILROY DISPATCH

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“While the Bay Area is rumbling with excitement over the first-ever Bay Bridge World Series, the Earth may be putting on a show. A county geologist is predicting an earthquake to hit the Bay Area anytime from tomorrow to the 21st of October. It will be the “World Series Quake,” according to...Jim Berkland. The temblor, he predicts, could be anywhere from 3.5 to 6.0 on the Richter scale.”

(From the Gilroy Dispatch, October 13, 1989)

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THE PRAYER OF FAITH DOESN'T

PRESUME

ON GOD'S DESIGN, IT

JUST

RESUMES

IT.

MAINPOINT

John 15:15-16 (ESV): “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

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Luke 22:42 (ESV): “Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

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James 5:17-18 (ESV): “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”

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Luke 5:17 (ESV): “On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.”

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John 5:19-21 (ESV): “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.”

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Mark 6:5-6 (ESV): “And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.”

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WHEN YOU PRAY, DON'T

PLAY GOD;

OBEY GOD.

APPLICATION

John 14:12-16 (ESV): “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. 15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

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