

# James 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

## Analysis

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**And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.** Elijah prayed again, heaven gave rain, and the earth bore fruit. Persistent prayer reverses drought. James emphasizes that God responds to persevering intercession with tangible change.

Reformed believers see prayer as ordained means for God's providence. Elijah's example fuels hope for spiritual and physical renewal.

## Historical Context

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After Mount Carmel, Elijah prayed until clouds formed (1 Kings 18). James reminds diaspora believers that prayer can bring refreshing even after severe judgment.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. Where have you stopped praying before rain arrived?
2. How can you practically prepare for answered prayer?
3. What testimonies encourage you to pray again?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ πάλιν προσηνέξατο καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ὑετὸν ἔδωκεν  
And again he prayed And G3588 the heaven rain gave  
G2532 G3825 G4336 G2532 G3772 G5205 G1325

καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐβλάστησεν τὸν καρπὸν αὐτῆς  
And G3588 the earth brought forth G3588 fruit G846  
G2532 G1093 G985 G2590

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 14:22** (Parallel theme): Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

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