

37 **The General Epistle of James**

Lesson 24 Chapter 5:17-20

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17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:17-20

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17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, (Ac 14:15, see Ro 7:5 & Ga 5:24 definition) and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain:

(1 Kg 17:1)

and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. (Lk 4:25-26)

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Elias:

Matthew 17:3 "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him."

Malachi 4:4 "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:"

Revelation 11:2 "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot *and* two months."

Revelation 12:6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days."

Revelation 13:5 "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months."

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Like passions:

Acts 14:15 "And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:"

Romans 7:5 "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." Margin: Gr. *Passions*.

Galatians 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Margin. Or, *passions*.

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Not rain:

1 Kings 17:1 "And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

Three years and six months:

Luke 4:25 "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But

unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, *a city* of Sidon, unto a woman *that was* a widow."

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18 And he prayed again, (1 Kg 18:1)
and the heaven gave rain, (1 Kg 18:45)
and the earth brought forth her fruit.

1 Kings 18:1 "And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth."

1 Kings 18:45 "And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel."

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19 Brethren, (15th of 15 times)
if any of you do err from the truth, (1:16)
and one convert him; (v.20)

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20 Let him know,
that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death,
and shall hide a multitude of sins. (1 Pe 4:8)
Proverbs 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise."

46 **Converteth The Sinner**

Isaiah

Isaiah 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

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Let him know... Today:

1. We Persuade men: 2 Co 5:11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

2. We have the Ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18 "And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

3. We are ambassadors: 2 Cor 5:20 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."