

POSTURED TO RECEIVE

1 Kings 18:42-46 (NIV)

42 *So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.*

43 *"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."*

44 *The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"*

45 *Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.*

46 *The power of the LORD came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.*

-Elijah postured himself to receive the rain.

1) -It says that the first thing that Elijah did was he bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

-Prayer will always usher in the rain of God.

2) -The second thing he did was he postured himself to see the rain.

(He told his servant to go and look for the rain.)

-When he received a report that there was a small cloud that was all it took for him believe.

-He had such an expectation that it was going to rain that he sent word for Ahab to hurry up and leave before the rain was too much that it would stop his travel.

-One cloud in the natural is not enough to stop someone from traveling.

3) -The third thing he did was he rejoiced for the rain.

(He tucked his cloak into his belt and took off running.)

BELIEVING FOR THE RAIN

- When we first started this church we continued to say, "We see 50 people every week!"
- Last week we saw that confession become a reality.
- 50 people...to me...that looks like a cloud the size of a man's hand.
- I believe that the rain is on its way!
- You ain't seen nothing yet!
- I believe to see 100 before 2010.
- We have to posture ourselves for this rain.

Acts 2:17-18

17 " *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

18 *Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

- Are you crying out for your city?
- Can you see revival in the midst of us.
- I see a cloud about the size of a man's hand.
- I'm not going to wait for it to rain...I expect it to rain.
- I rejoice before the rain has come.
- Let it rain Lafayette!
- What are you willing to do to see revival hit this city?