

## The Prayer Life Of . . .

# ELIJAH

## JAMES 5:17-18; FIRST KINGS 17:1,17-24; 18:1,43-45

1. James says that Elijah's "nature" was like ours, and the NIV says that just means he was a human being. Do you agree?
2. In what way was Elijah unlike us?
3. James attributes the drought's beginning and end to Elijah's prayers, but First Kings does not. Can you explain the discrepancy?
4. What is James trying to teach us about prayer?
5. Why would Elijah pray for a drought when it was sure to cause hardship not only for King Ahab, but also for innocent people?
6. Did Elijah blame God for the death of the widow's son? Should he have blamed God?
7. Can your prayers raise the dead?
8. Do you think the widow could have known that Elijah was a man of God even if her son had stayed dead?
9. What condition did God place on Elijah before he would end the drought?
10. Have you ever [figuratively speaking] looked at a cloud the size of man's hand and seen the coming of a heavy rain shower?