



Daily Reflections

June 14, 2018

Scripture

1 Kings 18: 41-46

Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain."

So Ahab went up to eat and drink, while Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, crouched down to the earth, and put his head between his knees.

"Climb up and look out to sea," he directed his servant, who went up and looked, but reported, "There is nothing."

Seven times he said, "Go, look again!"

And the seventh time the youth reported,

"There is a cloud as small as a man's hand rising from the sea."

Elijah said, "Go and say to Ahab,

'Harness up and leave the mountain before the rain stops you.'"

In a trice the sky grew dark with clouds and wind, and a heavy rain fell.

Ahab mounted his chariot and made for Jezreel.

But the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, who girded up his clothing and ran before Ahab as far as the approaches to Jezreel.

Our Scripture Reflection

After soundly destroying the false prophets of the pagan gods, God shows mercy to the unfaithful king, Ahab. He will allow Ahab to witness the end of the drought with an abundance of rain from nothing but a small little cloud. Our God is merciful and forgiving to those who show true and sincere repentance.

Food for your Journey

Once during Queen Victoria's reign, she heard that the wife of a common laborer had lost her baby. Having experienced deep sorrow herself, she felt moved to express her sympathy. So she called on the bereaved woman one day and spent some time with her. After she left, the neighbors asked what the queen had said. "Nothing," replied the grieving mother. "She simply put her hands on mine, and we silently wept together."

—Source unknown.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, You are rich in kindness and compassion towards Your people. When we sin, give us the Grace to truly and humbly repent and resolve to change our lives. Amen