

Introduction

- I. Our God richly blesses us with covenant blessings.
- II. Only after the amazing contest on Mt. Carmel, did God send a great, abundant rain.

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah  
(8) The Great Rain**

**I. The Covenant Blessing**

A. The great rain God sent pictures abundant covenant blessings on God's people.

B. The blessing of rain could come only after the sacrifice and repentance.

1. The Lord sent the rain after the great contest on Mt. Carmel to show that there is no blessing for us apart from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

2. But we understand that these blessings are only experienced in the way of repentance.

**II. The Intercessory Prayer** - this rain came only through the intercession of the prophet Elijah.

A. Elijah prays an intercessory prayer, which means he prayed on behalf of God's people.

B. From this prayer of Elijah we learn about the importance of intercessory prayer in the church. We see our need for such intercessory prayers.

1. We see our need for Christ, our High Priest, and His intercessory prayers.

2. We also learn that an important part of our prayer life is praying for each other.

**III. The Amazing Run**

A. When the Lord sent the rain, He performed the miracle of Elijah being able to outrun the chariot of Ahab.

B. We learn from this miracle that we must follow the Word of God.