

Bible Study
I Will – Lesson 17
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I WILL CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I Kings 18: 41-44

June could be called the joy month. There are many celebrations that take place this month such as graduations, weddings, anniversaries, Father's Day, vacations and birthdays. All these celebrations symbolize some type of accomplishment. An accomplishment brings joy and happiness to the one who has achieved their goal and to their family and friends who love them.

The church, which is the bride of Christ, has brought joy to many people who have demonstrated their love to Christ. For many Christians it has been the focal point of their faith. We have demonstrated our love to the Lord by supporting, sacrificing and serving the church. It is a joy to serve the Lord as we serve His people within the church and beyond the church.

Unfortunately after the celebrations are over there may come a time when we feel discouragement, disillusionment and depression. This could be called "The Day After". The prophet Elijah was familiar with "The Day After". He had just accomplished a great victory on Mount Carmel when God helped him to prevail against 450 prophets of Baal. Elijah felt depressed even as he witnessed God using him in ministry. He lost his joy in ministry just like many people today have lost their joy in the church. We must never forget the many ways that God has helped us to accomplish our goals personally and in ministry.

Let me share with you three ways how you can celebrate your accomplishments.

- I. Listen to the Lord through Prayer. (vs. 41-42)
 - A. Pray that you can hear the sound
 - B. Pray that you can remain stable
- II. Look to the Lord for Provision. (vs. 43)
 - A. Remember your God given vision
 - B. Remember God's provision
- III. Learn from the Lord in Preparation. (vs. 44)
 - A. Preparation is a stepping stone for your accomplishments
 - B. Preparation is a simple secret for your accomplishments