



Lewiston Church of Christ

August 27, 2017

Never doubt
the power of
prayer.

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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The Power of Prayer

While Job was in great agony, his friends Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite came to comfort him. They wept, tore their robes, threw dust over their heads, and sat silently with Job for seven days. Wow!

They would be famous for their compassion had they stayed silent. Instead, their long-winded speeches made Job more miserable than ever (Job 16:2-3). In the end, God said to Eliphaz, “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has. (Job 42:7).

God did not stop there. He instructed these three misguided theologians to offer burnt offerings and said, “My servant Job will pray for you.” (Job 42:8). God gave Job’s friends some hope that He would not do to them according to their folly. So, they followed God’s instructions obediently.

God was still not finished. Here’s the happy ending that transpired: “The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends...” (Job 42:10). Wow!

These were the same friends who made Job miserable when he needed comfort most. Their unfair criticisms added to Job’s agony. Nevertheless, Job prayed for them.

Like his friends, Job needed forgiveness. So he ended up repenting (Job 42:6). But he also needed to forgive those who afflicted him. And when he did so through prayer, God restored Job’s fortunes.

This is the kind of love Jesus preached about in His sermon on the mount, saying: “Pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5:44). All the way to the cross, Jesus practiced what He preached. While dying, he prayed, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34). Wow!