

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

### ***The Power of Prayer***

In the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Chronicles, we read the account of King Jehoshaphat and his prayer to God upon learning of the imminent invasion of Judah by the Moabites, Ammonites and others. Realizing that they were outnumbered, the King turned to God in prayer.

Jehoshaphat's prayer in verses 6-12 is a powerful example of how a great leader recognizes the need to call on the graciousness of the Almighty God in times of need. In times of trouble, both public or personal, our first business should be to seek help from God. From the first to the last of our seeking the Lord, we must approach him with humiliation for our sins, trusting only in his mercy and power.

Jehoshaphat acknowledges the sovereign dominion of His Divine Providence. ***"O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"*** Whom should we seek to, whom should we trust to for relief, but the God we have chosen and served.

Those who use what they have for God, may comfortably hope he will secure it to them. Every true believer is a son of Abraham, a friend of God. With such the everlasting covenant is established; to such every promise belongs. We are assured of God's love, by his dwelling in human nature in the person of the Saviour.

Jehoshaphat mentions the temple, as a token of God's favorable presence. He pleads the injustice of his enemies. We may well appeal to God against those that render us evil for good. Jehoshaphat said, ***"We have no might without thee; we rely upon thee."***

We should be so bold in our prayers. Yet, we must be bold in the presence of God when we seek His blessings and when we seek His care in our times of trouble and need. As Moses proclaimed to the children of Israel at the Red Sea, ***". . . Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. . . ."*** (Ex 14:13), we must be prepared to ***"stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"*** in our lives.

Yes, prayer is a powerful tool that the Lord has given us to us. Let us use it wisely – but boldly!

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***