

A STUDY ON PRAYER

ACTS 4:23-31

Introduction

- Man's greatest privilege - _____
- Disciples ask Jesus "Teach us to pray"
- How did the Apostles apply this prayer

A. They approached God - Our Father who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them - v24

²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

- Take time to _____
- Worship and adore Him
- Recognize Him as the Creator

B. Speak to God about His word-v25-26

²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? ²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

- Use relevant scriptures for the situation (Isaiah 43:26)
- Put God in remembrance
- They prayed from _____

C. They talked to the Father about Jesus - v27-28

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

- He is your _____
- Conform us to the image of Jesus
- He is your _____

D. Then make your requests-v29-31

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

- Boldness to speak God’s Words
- Miracles signs and wonders

E. Thanksgiving - Philippians 4:6 and 1 John 5:14-15

Philippians 4:6 - (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

1 John 5:14-15 - (NKJV)

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

F. Then receive what you ask for (Mark 11:24)

²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.