

Petitioning the Sovereign God in Persecution (Acts 4:29-31) 8/13/23

Review

After being _____ by the leaders, Peter and John left the Council not in a state of _____ and dejection but of exhilaration.

Their prayer is divided into two parts: praise and _____.

The prayer is addressed to God the _____ and uses the Greek title 'despotes' to address Him.

They responded in praise by quoting _____! In this order, they prayed:

1. Praise to God as _____ (v. 24b)
2. Praise Him as the God of _____ (vv. 25-26)
3. Praising God as Lord of _____ (vv. 27-28)

Facing opposition, the church took _____ in God's strong, sovereign rule.

Transition from Praise to Petition (v. 29a)

take note (*epeidon*) =

The leaders had made it very clear that they intended to use _____ force to stop the apostles from speaking and _____ in Jesus' name.

grant (*didomai*) =

Two _____ are offered, based on what has been said about God's sovereignty in nature and human _____.

Requesting More Boldness to Keep Speaking (v. 29b)

bond-servants (*doulos*) =

They did *not* pray for the ability to _____ a Christlike life; they prayed for the confidence to _____ Christ's word and message aloud!

confidence (*parresia*) =

They were asking God to hold nothing back in granting them _____ boldness to proclaim the _____.

Christians who have been _____ in one context can easily be intimidated in another, unless they seek God's _____.

Requesting that God Keep Working (v. 30)

wonders (*teras*) =

signs (*semeion*) =

The _____ of our Lord were mighty manifestations of His power designed to get people's attention and point them to spiritual _____.

"Their demand is not now for miracles of vengeance or destruction, such as fire from heaven, but for miracles of mercy." – J.A. Alexander

servant (*pais*) =

They wanted _____ to continue to do what He had done for this lame man.

The Father's Response to Their Prayer (v. 31)

This is the type of prayer that comes from an overwhelming sense of the _____ for God's help for the _____ at hand.

shaken (*saleuo*) =

filled (*pimplemi*) =

Unlike the baptism of the Spirit, being filled with the Spirit is an _____ and should be _____.

Opposition only made the church grow _____.