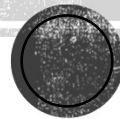


THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Before the Master | Acts 4:23-31



1

PRAYER BEFORE THE MASTER

The Main Point: God's sovereignty will advance His plan as His power emboldens His people.

- Release and report (vs. 23)
- A prayer with one voice (vss. 24-28) (cf. Ps. 2:1-2)
 - Master of creation
 - Master of revelation
 - Master of redemption
 - Master of history
- Petitions (vss. 29-30)
 - "look" | an appeal to God's justice



2

PRAYER BEFORE THE MASTER

- “grant” | an appeal to God’s fortifying power
- “stretch out” | an appeal to God’s miraculous activity through Jesus
- Result (vs. 31)
 - Shaken, filled, emboldened

Acts in Action

- Sovereignty and foreknowledge in theological perspective
- The centrality of prayer in the church
 - Prayer acknowledges and cultivates dependence on God
 - Prayer deepens our personal and corporate relationship with God
 - Prayer brings about genuine effects through the power of God

