

# OH HOW THEY PRAYED!

## ACTS 4:23-31

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “This is one of the truly great prayers recorded in the Bible, and it is a good example for us to follow.” Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic, p. 53.

**WITH PRAISE**—The creator of all things is sovereign over all things. Be it president, cleric, janitor, or businessman, whatever the position, God’s plan of salvation will succeed only by Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:23-24, fn 4:28, Psalms 2:1-12, fn 2:4[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 2:11, 12, I Peter 4:19, fn 4:19) *How does knowing that God is sovereign affect your prayers?*

**FOR THEMSELVES FOR BOLDNESS**—“Do not pray for easy lives,’ wrote Phillip Brooks. ‘Pray to be stronger men and women. Do not pray for tasks equal to your power. Pray for power equal to your task.’ That is the way the early Christians prayed, and that is the way God’s people should pray today.” Wiersbe, p. 54. (Acts 4:29, fn 4:29-31, Philippians 4:6-7, fn 4:6-7, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:16, I John 5:14, 15, fn 5:14, 15) *How will you pray about a task you are facing?*

**FOR CHRIST’S GLORY**—“It was His name that gave them power to minister the Word, and to perform miracles, and His name alone deserved the glory. The glory of God, not the needs of men, is the highest purpose of answered prayer.” Wiersbe, p. 56. (Acts 4:30-31, John 16:23, 24, fn 16:23-27, John 17:10, fn 17:10. Acts 3:16, fn 3:16) *Using this pattern – With Praise, For Yourself, For Christ’s Glory – what would you pray for regarding your daily activities?*

*Pray for one another’s needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*

