Acts Bible Study 09

Acts 4:23-31 **The Believers’ Prayer**

1. When Peter and John were arrested and put in jail, how might the church members have felt?

=worried

On their release, how might Peter and John have felt?

=still under the threats

On their release, to whom did Peter and John go? 4:23

=follow believers and coworkers

=whom pray together

What did they report to their own people? 4:23

=everything

Do your church leaders share their troubles with you?

=yes

How did the church under persecution respond? 4:24

=praise to God

=they depended on prayer

1. How did they pray? 4:24a

=with one mind

How did they start their prayers? 4:24

=Sovereign Lord: who is God and God is the ruler of everything

How did they see this persecution? 4:25,26

=fulfilling God’s plan

According to the prophecy of Ps.2:1,2, who are fighting against whom?

=the kings, the nations and the rulers vs Lord and his anointed one.

=laws vs God’s mighty power

What is the result of this conflict according to the prophecy? Ps.2:1,4,5

=God is laughing, scoffing and terrifying them.

At that time who were conspiring against whom? 4:27

=Pilate, Herod and people

They killed Jesus. How did the believers see this? 4:28

=according to the scripture, God’s will and plan beforehand

Who is God whom they believed in and prayed to?

=mighty God

1. What were the three things that the believers asked God in prayer?
2. Now, Lord, consider their threat. 4:29

Why didn’t they ask God to punish the chief priests and the elders who were persecuting the church?

=consider their threat

Have you ever asked God to punish your enemy?

1. Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

What was their problem and what did they think they needed?

=now helpless, give us great boldness

1. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Why did they ask this from God?

=in the name of Jesus, miracles and wonders support salvation works.

1. Considering these three requests, what was the attitude of the believers toward persecution?

=Never give up

=5/7 is about who God is

=2/7 is what we need

1. How did God respond to their prayers? 4:31a

 =place was shaken

 =Prayer reached out to God’s heart

 =Prayer moved God’s heart

1. What showed that the believers were fully restored after the prayer?

 =they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly

What was the power of the early church?

 =by this prayer, early church overcame all troubles.