Acts of the Apostles

Corporate Prayer (Part 1) (Acts 4:23-28)

Introduction

 -Chapters 3, 4 are a unit. MIRACLE (3:1-10) → MESSAGE (3:11-26) → OPPOSITION (4:1-31)

I. The Habit of Corporate Prayer (vs. 23, 24a)

II. The Content of Corporate Prayer (vs. 24b-30)

 -Rehearsal (Recognition) (vs. 24b-28): of the Works of God (v. 24) See Ps. 146:6; and the Word of God

 (vs. 25, 26) See Ps. 2:1, 2

-Observations: The people and rulers who oppose God and His Messiah in Ps. 2 include the Jewish

 leaders; The real object of persecution isn’t the people of God, but Christ Himself; vs. 27, 28 contain

 some profound theology.

Practical Lessons

1) Persecution drives us to prayer.

2) Corporate prayer is the lifeblood of the local church.

3) Prayer is the fruit of belief in the sovereignty of God.

4) Effective prayer begins with the knowledge of God and His saving purposes.

5) Opposition to Jesus is futile.