

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-31

The Believers Pray for Boldness

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, ^awho made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, ⁴said by the Holy Spirit,

¹“Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and ^sthe rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his ^tAnointed’⁵—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your ^uholy servant Jesus, ^vwhom you anointed, both ^wHerod and ^xPontius Pilate, along ^ywith the Gentiles and ^zthe peoples of Israel, ²⁸ ^ato do whatever your hand and ^byour plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, ^clook upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all ^dboldness, ³⁰ while ^eyou stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed ^fthrough the name of your ^gholy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, ^hthe place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and ⁱthey were all filled with the Holy Spirit and ⁱcontinued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Message: “A Prayer to the Sovereign God for Boldness”

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