# "PRAYER AS A RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION"

## ACTS 4:23-31

1. **THE THEME OF THIS PRAYER**
   1. Possible Approaches
      1. Fear
      2. Indignation
      3. Caution
   2. Proper Approach: Conviction
2. **THIS IS A PRAYER THAT EXTOLS GOD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY**
   1. By The Title That Is Use For Him: *Despotes* (4:24a)
      1. They Understood That God Has Unrestricted Authority & Rights
      2. There Is One Other Prayer That Begins With This Particular Title For God (Rev. 6:9-11)
   2. By The Wisdom He Has Demonstrated In Creation (4:24b)
3. **THIS IS A PRAYER THAT EXTOLS GOD FOR THE FACT THAT HE HAS SPOKEN & WILL REMAIN TRUE TO HIS WORD (4:25-28)**
   1. Psalm 2 Is Quoted As A Timeless Principle To Demonstrate The Utter Futility Of Human Rebellion (4:25-26)
   2. Everything That Any Enemy Of God Plots Against The Lord & Against His People Proves To Be An Empty, Profitless Enterprise (4:27-28)
      1. Man Will Do His Worse (4:27)
      2. God's Eternal Purposes Will Be Accomplished (4:28)
4. **THIS IS A PRAYER THAT EXTOLS GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN HEARING & ANSWERING PETITIONS (4:29-31)**