

ACTS

Since God is Sovereign, Why Pray?

Acts 4:23-31

The Context: A Crisis of Faithfulness

The prevailing culture sought to _____ through _____.

But they knew God was using the power of the _____ to save many.

Which would prevail: The pressure to cower and shrink back or the desire to be faithful to King Jesus and His mission and continue speaking with boldness?

Their response:

"... they lifted their voices together to God ..."

Their prayer:

Affirmed God's _____ over everyone and everything

The Old Testament continually reveals God's sovereignty in the history of _____.

The early church experienced and understood God's sovereignty in the death and resurrection of _____.

This conviction is _____. (Isa. 46:9-11, Dan. 4:35, Job 23:13, Psa. 103:19, Eph. 1:11)

Requested God's _____

Not to _____ persecution, but that they would be faithful ___ persecution so that God would continue his amazing work while they obediently _____.

Reasons we Pray to Our Sovereign God:

Because He is _____. Why pray to a God who does not possess the power to respond?

Because, in His sovereignty, God _____ some outcomes as a _____ to prayer. He is sovereign over both the _____ and the _____. His _____ includes our _____.

Because we are _____ to.

Because there are _____ / _____ from God we only access through prayer or lack because we don't pray.

Because prayer _____ with God's will in both _____ and _____.

Because prayer is a primary means by which we _____ in God's _____.

Because prayer _____. (Humbling, strengthening, encouraging, assuring, etc.)

My response: