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Christ-centered Prayer: Experiencing God's Purifying Presence, Power, Peace, Provisions & Protection Message #5 ● by Pastor Marcus Johnson



A NT Church's Prayer:
Experiencing God's Missional-centered,
Miracle-working Power

1. A Persecuted Church Devoted to Prayer

- Persecuted churches & faithful gospel witness go hand in hand
- Pray earnestly to our sovereign God:
- → for evangelistic boldness (Ac 4:23ff; Eph 6:20)
- \rightarrow for the persecuted church (Ac 12:5,13; Php 1:19)
- → for all people including our authorities (Ac 28:8f; 1Ti 2:1ff)
- 2. The Missional-centered, Miracle-working Power of God

- God works miraculously:
- 1st to advance salvation history

2nd for the salvific revelation & spread of His gospel

3rd when delivering His oppressed people from suffering or danger

4th for our good & His eternal glory

Pray & believe God will work miraculously:
 as we live missionally, in community, until King Jesus returns

3. Glory to Our Sovereign God

• God humbles the proud, judges evil doers & vindicates His people

• Be encouraged & courageous: God's word/His church multiplies thru His unquenchable power (6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:31)