

*Third.* The prayer was short, occupying not more than a minute. All definite, pointed, earnest prayers are short. Prayers will be short and to the point if the person has something he really is anxious to get from God. Hence the need of having subjects or topics for prayer that are pressed home upon the hearts of the people by the leader before they engage in supplication. The leader of this apostolic meeting presented the subject, "and grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of thy holy Servant Jesus."

*Fourth.* They were united in the prayer; "they lifted up their voice to God with one accord." *With one accord* is an expression that is always associated with apostolic Prayer-meetings. The accord is not so much intellectual unanimity as oneness of spiritual ardor and zeal; it expresses the emotions within and their manifestation without, a unity of life purpose displayed in a living fellowship of sentiment and consciousness. It is evident that the hearts of all were in the prayer; that the one leading in prayer was presenting the petition and expressing the feelings of all. There were no silent partners, no half-hearted members, no machine prayers or indifferent onlookers. "*They lifted up their voice.*" "*When they had prayed.*"

*Fifth.* They recognized the work of God and the power of the Holy Ghost, quoting Scripture applicable to their present needs and experiences; recognizing that Jesus, and not they, was the real subject of persecution. They were the objects persecuted, but the rage was "Against the Lord, and against His Anointed." Hence the selfish element in their prayer gave place to confident assurance that it was God's personal cause, and that they were simply the Holy Spirit's instruments. Such praying, under such conditions, is sure to bring the results reported in vs. 31-37. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness," etc.

From the record of this Prayer-meeting we conclude that every member should take part in the meeting and join with the others in prayer. Every meeting should have some important practical, living subject as an object for prayer. The leader should keep the subject continually before the people. To this