

Acts 3:1;

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

1-The association of Peter and John.

1-Peter and John were sent to prepare the Passover meal. Luke 22:8.

2-Peter and John were together early in the morning of the Lord's day at which time they went to the sepulcher. John 20:1-10.

3-At the trial of Jesus, John knowing the high priest helped Peter to get into the palace. John 18:15-17.

4-John and Peter were together fishing after the crucifixion of Christ. They were on the sea of Tiberias. John 21:1-7.

2-So we are not surprised to find Peter and John going up to the temple together at the hour of prayer.

1-According to our count, this "Ninth Hour" was about three O'clock in the afternoon.

2-The apostles continued to observe the hour of prayer according to the law of Jewish worship.

3-The lame man healed:

1-This miracle led to the arrest of the apostles and the first opposition and persecution against the church.

2-This persecution was as relentless, bloody, and violent as any known in the history of the church.

2-They prayed believing in much prayer.

Acts 6:4;

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

1-The apostles had been spending much time in prayer and they were determined to continue in prayer.

1-This does not merely mean private prayer, but is used here in the sense of public worship

2-Acts 16:13;

Paul and Silas in Philippi, "On the sabbath went of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

3-Acts 16:25;

Paul and Silas in prison, "at midnight prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

3-They prayed with great simplicity:

Acts 4:23;

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priest and elders had said unto them.

Acts 4:24;

And when they had heard that they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, **The prayer;**

"Lord thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

1-"One accord"-They all prayed to God:

1-They all were united in their prayer..

2-How did they pray:

1-Did one lead and the other repeat aloud the petition after him?

2-Was there a general form of prayer already known to all?

3-Or did one lead and the other join mentally or by responses with "Amen"?

4-We do not know just how they proceeded.

5-With "One Accord" they addressed God as the Creator and Governor of the universe.

"Apostolic Prayer."

4-They prayed expecting an answer:

Acts 4:29;31:

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.

Acts 4:31;

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

1-The apostles did not pray for:

1-Deliverance from the threats made by the Sanhedrin.

2-They did not pray that their persecutors be crushed.

2-What they prayed for:

1-They prayed for boldness to speak the word and continue the work which they had begun.

2-They prayed that the "signs and wonders" should prove to the people the power of Jesus.

5-They prayed and fasted together:

Acts 10:30;

And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold a man stood before me in white clothing.

Acts 14:23;

And when they had appointed them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

6-They prayed before parting:

Acts 13:2-3;

And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. Paul and Barnabas on first missionary

Acts 20:36;

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Acts 21:5;

After seven days in Tyre, they all brought us on our way--and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed.

