

## Synopsis

What is a strong church? To be classified as a faithful and Christ-centred church today, a consistent criterion is whether or not the church in focus is a good Bible-teaching church. Of course, this is vital. But what if the church has solid teaching, but is a relatively prayer-less church? Is it still a strong church? The Bible seems to say, unequivocally, no! A strong Biblical church is a church that gives its attention to Word and prayer.

The Book of Acts shows how these two go hand in hand – the link between the ministry of Word and prayer. Acts teaches us that a distinguishing mark of a Christian and of a truly Biblical church is that they pray. The way Christians pray in the Book of Acts is largely corporate in nature. This includes prayer for healing, prayer for sending out missionaries, prayer for church leaders, and prayer for boldness in proclaiming the gospel to an apathetic or hostile world.

This book takes us through Acts, and calls upon God's people to pray for revival in our day – for the gospel to go forth, asking God to bring multitudes of the lost under the Lordship of Christ, and mature His church till we see Him in glory.