

Suggested Answers for Leaders

Observation — What does it say?

1. Verse	Content	A.C.T.S.
12-13	Solomon knelt and spread out his hands toward heaven	Adoration
14	"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth"	Adoration
14	God keeps his covenant and steadfast love toward his servants who walk before him wholeheartedly	Adoration / Thanksgiving
15	God has kept his promise to David	Thanksgiving
15	God spoke the promise and fulfilled it "with your hand"	Thanksgiving / Adoration
16	"Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you promised him"	Supplication
17	"Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David"	Supplication
18	"But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth?"	Adoration
18	"Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you"	Adoration
18	"How much less this house that I have built!"	Adoration / Humility
19	"Have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea"	Supplication
19-20	"Listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you"	Supplication
20-21	Asks God to hear prayers directed toward the temple	Supplication
21	Asks God to hear "and forgive" his people	Supplication / Confession
22-23	If a man sins against his neighbor and comes before God's altar, asks God to hear, judge, condemn the guilty, and justify the righteous.	Supplication
24-25	If Israel is defeated because of sin, asks God to hear, forgive, and restore them	Supplication / Confession
26-27	If Israel sins and God withholds rain, asks God to hear, forgive, teach them the good way, and send rain	Supplication / Confession
28-31	In famine, plague, disease, siege, or other affliction, asks God to hear and forgive, and to deal with each person according to his hear	Supplication / Confession
31	"That they may fear you and walk in your ways"	Supplication
32-33	For the foreigner who prays toward the temple, asks God to hear and answer so that all peoples may know and fear him	Supplication / Adoration
34-35	When Israel goes to battle according to God's command, asks God to hear their prayer and maintain their cause	Supplication
36	"There is no one who does not sin"	Confession

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36	SThere is no one who does not sin" Confession	
36-39	When Israel sins, is taken captive, repents, and turns back, asks God to hear, forgive, and maintain their cause Confession / Supplication	
38	"If they turn and pray to you... with all their heart and soul" Confession / Supplication	
40	"Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place Supplication	
41	"And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might" Supplication / Adoration	
41	"Let your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness" Supplication	
42	"O LORD God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one" Supplication	
42	"Remember your steadfast love for David your servant Supplication / Adoration	

2. Solomon knew that God calls his people to a life of holiness and worship, and so those became the major concerns of his prayer.

Interpretation — What does it mean?

3. God's sovereign will is His secret, certain, exhaustive, and perfect plan governing what happens. His moral will is revealed in Scripture through commands and principles that tell us how we should believe and live.
4. God's sovereign will is "above our pay-grade"; he does not tell us his secret, certain, exhaustive, and perfect plan by which he governs the universe, but he has told us what we are to love and to hate, to think and to do. Therefore our prayers should worship him for his sovereign will and focus on our obedience to his moral will.

Application — What do I do with this?

5. [Depending on how your group labeled the verses, it may look like mine]:

Adoration = 10 references, or 25%

Confession = 7 references, or 17.5 %

Thanksgiving = 3 references, or 7.5%

Supplication = 20 references, or 50%

"How do your typical prayers compare" (*individual responses*)

6. Individual responses