



APOSTLES

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NEVER UNDERESTIMATE GOD

ACTS 12

JAMES IS KILLED AND PETER IS IMPRISONED

- Though at times it seems like God loses sight of where all His kids are, nothing could be further from the truth—we can expect miracles.
- Peter knew this when he quoted **PSALM 34:15-16** in **1 PETER 3:12**.

HERE PETER GIVES US THREE WONDERFUL ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF LIFE.

1. GOD SEES OUR TRIALS—NOTHING GOES UNNOTICED BY GOD **ACTS 12:1-4**

Remember, *“The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous.”*

1 PETER 3:12

“If God be for you, who can be against you?” **ROM. 8:31**

- A. God is stronger than even empirical family ties.
- B. What example are you setting for your children?
- C. We see here the randomness of evil and pain.

***LIFE IS FULL OF DIFFICULT QUESTIONS,
“BUT GOD” IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER.***

2. NEVER FORGET GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

ACTS 12:5-17

FOLLOW THE SCENES IN THIS EXCITING DRAMA

- A. Peter sleeping v. 5-6**
- B. Peter obeying v. 7-11**
- C. Peter keeps knocking v. 12-16**

The answer to their prayers is standing at the door, but they don't have faith enough to open the door and let him in!

- D. Peter declaring v. 17**

3. TRUST GOD TO DEAL WITH OUR ENEMIES

ACTS 12:18-25

KIND OF A FUNNY SCENE: HOW COULD A CHAINED PRISONER ESCAPE WHEN THERE WERE FOUR GUARDS PRESENT AND THE DOORS WERE LOCKED?

- The sad fact is that Man has made himself his own god, but not for long. **ROM. 1:25**
- The world still lives on the physical and ignores the spiritual (see **1 JOHN 2:15-17**).
- They were a praying people, because they knew that God alone could solve their problems.

WHAT AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO US TODAY!

THE DEATH OF HEROD AGRIPPA

ACTS 12:20-25

Herod Agrippa's fate should not surprise us.

- The Scriptures proclaim that *pride goes before a fall*. “Your sin will find you out.” **NUMBERS 32:23**
- “Pride goes before destruction.” **PROVERBS 16:18**
- “You will always reap what you sow!” **GALATIANS 6:7**

NOTHING—no government, no law, no evil leader, no amount of persecution—can stop the Gospel.

**NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PRAYING PEOPLE, OR
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE GOD WE PRAY TO!**