Power In Praise Sun Pm 8/16/20

Acts 12:1-17 (NKJV)

**12**Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church.

**2**Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

**3**And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread.

**4**So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four [[a](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+12%3A1-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27342a)]squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

**5**Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

**6**And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

**7**Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him,* and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off *his* hands.

**8**Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.”

**9**So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

**10**When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

**11**And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

**12**So, when he had considered *this,* he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

**13**And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.

**14**When she recognized Peter’s voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.

**15**But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.”

**16**Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened *the door* and saw him, they were astonished.

**17**But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, “Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren.” And he departed and went to another place.

# Acts 16:25-34 (NKJV)

**25**But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**26**Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.

**27**And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

**28**But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

**29**Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

**30**And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

**31**So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

**32**Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

**33**And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized.

**34**Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

# Psalm 100:1-5 (NKJV)

**100**Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
**2**Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.
**3**Know that the Lord, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**4**Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
**5**For the Lord *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

# 2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NKJV)

**21**And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the Lord, For His mercy *endures* forever.” **22**Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

# Psalm 103:2-4 (NKJV)

**2**Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: **3**Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **4**Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

# Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

**15**Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

# Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

**11**You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

# Psalm 63:3-5 (NKJV)

**3**Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise You. **4**Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.
**5**My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.