

PETER'S FINALE

Acts 12

We must always revel in God's rescue

I. THE PERSECUTION (1-10)

A. HEROD MISTREATS (1-4)

1. The first political mistreatment of Christians (1)
2. The work of Herod Agrippa I (1)
3. Executing the Apostle John (2)
4. Pleasing the Jews (3a)
5. Imprisoning Peter (3b-4)

B. CHRISTIANS PRAY (5)

1. Fervent prayer was made
2. Especially on this night before Peter's trial
3. This is a Christian duty - See Heb. 13:3

C. PETER SLEEPS (6)

- Unafraid of what's ahead - See Heb. 13:5b-6

D. GOD DELIVERS (7-10)

1. Just in time
2. Through an angel
3. Away from the prison (10)

II. THE PERCEPTION (11-17)

A. RECOGNIZE WHAT HAPPENED (11)

- I know what God did!

1. Peter is Impressed (11a)
2. Peter is Encouraged (11b)

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B. REPORT WHAT HAPPENED (12-17a)

- I should tell what God did!

1. Visit the prayer meeting (12)
2. Access the prayer meeting (13-16)
3. Inform the prayer meeting (17a)
 - Giving details and instructions

C. RESPOND TO WHAT HAPPENED (17b)

- Leaving for another place

III. **THE PLAN** (18-25)

A. SUMMARY (18-23)

1. Question: What was the outcome of this incident?
2. Answer: One dead saint (2), one delivered saint (10) sixteen dead soldiers (19) and one dead sovereign (23)

B. SUCCESS (24)

1. A persecutor dies while the church thrives!
2. The word of God continued to be proclaimed
3. The work of God cannot be stopped!

C. SAUL (25)

1. Returned to Antioch from his relief mission in Jerusalem (see Acts 11:27-30)
2. Indicating a transition to the work of Paul in the remainder of Acts

CONCLUSION:

Let us always rejoice in God's goodness

- It is good to rest in God (6)
- It is good to be reassured by God (11)
- It is good to report for God (12-17a)
- It is good to be redirected by God (17b)