

DELIVERANCE Acts 12:1-24

1. God knows all about our **trials** (v.1-4)
 - a. Don't get too **comfortable** in your successes (v.1).
 - b. Don't be surprised that **Christians suffer** (v.1).
 - c. Don't let it **shake your faith** when Christians die for Jesus (v.3).
 - d. Don't assume God **doesn't care** when His servants suffer (v.3-4).
2. God hears all our **prayers** (v.5-17). Never underestimate the power of a praying church!
 - a. The **church** was praying (v.5).
 - b. Peter was **sleeping** (v.6).
 - c. God was **delivering** (v.7-11).
 - d. God's people were **amazed** (v.12-17).
3. God deals with all of His/our **enemies** (v.18-23).

- a. Herod was **opposing God**
- b. Herod was full of **pride**.
- c. Herod was **eaten of worms**.

4. God fulfills all of His **purposes** (v.24).

What can we do when we are arrested by circumstances, by persecution, by powers beyond our control? What can we do in our sickness, our sadness, our brokenheartedness, or even our addictions? What can we do when someone or some institution holds power over us and we seem helpless?

- The church can **pray**—ferently!
- You, saint of God, can rest in **peace** (like Sleeping Peter).
- We can leave the oppressors and evil people **to God**.
 - *2 Pet. 2:9 Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.*

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