

Sermon Notes June 20, 2021

### **Prayer Breaks the Chains of Sin**

Acts 12:1-24

We should \_\_\_\_\_ be too busy for prayer.

#### **Herod persecuted the disciples – Acts 12:1-4**

Herod Agrippa, saw that it pleased the Jews to \_\_\_\_\_ the leaders of the church.

The first arrest was \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter was also arrested and imprisoned awaiting a \_\_\_\_\_ trial..

#### **An impossible situation – vs. 6; 19**

Vs. 6 Peter was chained with \_\_\_\_\_ chains between \_\_\_\_\_ guards.

Vs. 19 By law, if a prisoner escaped the guard would be \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter was going through a mock trial and facing immediate public \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **The church prayed without ceasing – vs. 5-11**

Vs. 5 the church was \_\_\_\_\_ praying.

James 5:16b *“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man \_\_\_\_\_ much.”*

Matthew 18:19-20 *“if two of you on earth will agree about anything you ask for, it \_\_\_\_\_ be done by my Father in heaven.”*

Vs. 7 An \_\_\_\_\_ appeared.

Vs. 8 The chains \_\_\_\_\_ off.

Vs. 9 Peter \_\_\_\_\_ him out of the prison, a free man.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ that is impossible for God.

#### **The church didn't believe – vs. 12-18**

Vs. 12-14 Rhoda \_\_\_\_\_ him at the door

Vs. 15-18 Those praying thought that Rhoda was \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 18 - Peter kept \_\_\_\_\_ until they realized God had answered prayer.

#### **God deals with Herod once and for all– vs. 20-24**

Herod acts like a \_\_\_\_\_.

An angel struck him down and he \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 24 *But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.*

God is all powerful over the chains of a death sentence. All powerful to release a condemned Peter through corporate prayer.