

THE APOSTLE PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

The Apostle Paul had committed himself to preaching about Christ Jesus in Phillippi and visiting the churches in that region. And he took his friend Silas, a young man from Jerusalem, to go with him. They traveled throughout the cities and towns and preached constantly to those who would listen to them. Paul and Silas wanted the people to know about God's love for them.

But when they reached a city called Thyatira, what they were preaching made some of the men angry and they took Paul and Silas into the marketplace and put them before the rulers of that city and accused them of doing things that were not lawful. And all of the people believed these men and they commanded that Paul and Silas be beaten, and then cast into prison, and the jailer was told to put them in the inner prison where they could not escape and their feet were to be put into stocks so that they could not move.

Our story begins at midnight with Paul and Silas deep in the inner prison:

PAUL: “Are you alright Silas?”

SILAS: “Yes Paul, I am alright. I know that God is here with us.”

PAUL: “Yes, Silas, we can never get outside of God’s love and care for us.”

SILAS: “Do you ever get afraid Paul when you are treated like this?”

PAUL: “Silas, I have had many things happen to me, when I am preaching for God. Many times I have been put in prison. I have been beaten many times. I was even stoned once and everyone said I was dead, but God raised me up. Three times I have been shipwrecked, one time I spent a night and a day in the water until I was saved. Many times I have been in danger, such as the time in Damascus when everyone in the city was trying to find me to put me in prison, and my friends let me down in a basket through a window in the high wall around the city and I got away. I always knew that God was with me and that He would save me because I was doing the work He has asked me to do. He will save us now because we

are doing His work of letting people know about His goodness and His love for all men.”

SILAS: “How will God save us now? Our feet are in stocks and we are held with chains?”

PAUL: “Let’s pray and sing praises to God right this minute and thank Him for being with us always.”

SILAS: “Maybe some of the other prisoners here in the prison will hear us singing and join us.”

PAUL AND SILAS SINGING:

“Father, we Thy loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that Thou wilt keep us
Ever in Thy blessed way,”

PRISONERS: “Is that you Paul? Can we sing with you? Will God help us too?”

PAUL: “Yes, God is here with us all. Let’s all sing loudly and strongly, thanking God for being here, and helping us.”

**PAUL, SILAS AND THE PRISONERS
SINGING:**

**“Father, we Thy loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that Thou wilt keep us
Ever in Thy blessed way,”**

**RUMBLING, CHAINS CLANKING, MUCH
NOISE - EARTHQUAKE!!!**

**SILAS: “Paul! It’s an earthquake! It’s a huge
earthquake!”**

**SILAS: “Paul! My feet are free and my hands
are free.”**

PAUL: “And the door to our prison cell is open.”

**PRISONERS: “Paul, our doors are open too.
We’re free!”**

**KEEPER OF THE PRISON: (Running into the
prison cells with a sword and yelling for fear that
everyone is going to run free.)**

PAUL: (CRYING WITH A LOUD VOICE)
“Don’t be afraid. We are all here. No one has left. God has saved us all and He will save you too.”

KEEPER OF THE PRISON: (Coming in and falling down before Paul and Silas) **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”**

PAUL AND SILAS: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you and your whole house shall be saved.”

KEEPER OF THE PRISON: “Come, all of you, to my house and I will wash you and feed you all.”
Come!

EVERYONE: “GOD IS GOOD. THANK YOU DEAR FATHER OF US ALL, FOR SAVING US TONIGHT”

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