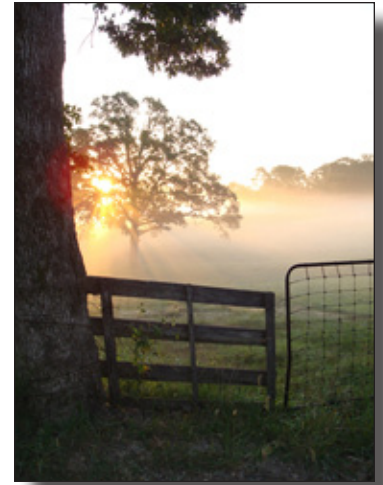


# Praising God

## Acts 16:16-34

### *Paul and Silas in Prison*

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.



19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

### *The Philippian Jailer Converted*

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and 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 bonds were unfastened.

27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And 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 wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17**

## He Leadeth Me

by: Joseph H. Gilmore

He leadeth me, Oh blessed thought!  
Oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whatever I do, wherever I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me,  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand, He leadeth me.

### A Closer Look: Praising God

1. Paul and Silas removed an evil spirit from a woman who was able to tell fortunes. Why did her owner have the men put in prison? *(He was mad because she could no longer make money for him.)*
2. How were Paul and Silas treated before they were put in prison? *(The crowds attacked them. Their clothes were torn and they were beaten with rods.)*
3. What was it like in prison? *(They were in an inner cell with their feet bound in stocks.)*
4. What were Paul and Silas doing while in prison? *(They were praying and singing hymns! The other prisoners were listening.)*
5. What miracle happened? *(There was an earthquake, all the doors of the prison opened and the prisoners were no longer chained.)*
6. What did the jailer do when he saw what had happened? *(He threatened to kill himself. He thought the prisoners had escaped.)*
7. Paul and Silas told the jailer that none had escaped. What question did the jailer ask? *(What must I do to be saved?)*
8. What did they tell the jailer? *(Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household.)*
9. Paul and Silas had been treated very badly and were thrown in a horrible prison, why do you think they were able to praise God? *(They knew God was with them even in prison)*
10. How was God glorified? *(The jailer and his family believed in God)*

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### Kurumbidza Mwari

1. Pauro naSirasi vakadzinga wakaipa mumukadzi aivuka. Nemhaka yei tenzi wake akaisa varume ava mutorongo? (*Akatsamwa nokuti mukadzi uyu akanga asachamuwanira mari.*)
2. Ko Pauro naSirasi vakabatwa sei vasati vakandirwa mutorongo? (*Vazhinji vavanhu vakavarova. Nhumbi dzavo dzakabvarurwa vakarohwa netsvimbo.*)
3. Zvakanga zvakadini mutorongo. (*Vaiva muimba yemukati vakasungwa makumbo nemaketani.*)
4. Ko Pauro naSirasi vakanga vachiitei vari mutorongo? (*Vakanga vachinyengetera nokuimba nziyo. Vamwe vasungwa vakanga vachivateera.*)
5. Chishamiso rudzii chakaitika? (*Pakava nokudengenyeka kwenyika, mikova yetorongo yakazaruka uye zvisungo zvikabva .*)
6. Ko mukuru wetorongo akitei zvaakaona zvakanga zvaitika? (*Akanga oda kuzviuraya. Akafunga kuti zvimwe vasungwa vatiza.*)
7. Pauro naSirasi vakaudza mukuru wetorongo kuti hapana musungwa akanga atiza. Ko mukuru wetorongo akabvunza kuti kudini? (*Ndingaiti kuti ndiponeswe.*)
8. Ko vakaudzei mukuru wetorongo? (*Tenda kunaShe Jesu Kristu, ugoponeswa iwe nemhuri yako.*)
9. Pauro naSirasi vaaknga vabatwa zvineutsinye uye vakanga vakandirwa mutorongo rakaipisisa kwazvo, ko unofunga kuti nemhaka yei vakakwanisa kurumbidza Mwari? (*Vakaziva kuti Mwari akanga anavo kunyange vaiva mutorongo.*)
10. Ko Mwari akakudzwa sei? (*Mukuru wetorongo nemhuri yake vakatenda kunaMwari.*)

# Kurumbidza Mwari

## Mabasa Avapostori 16:16-34

### *Pauro naSirasi mutorongo*

16 Nerimwe zuva patakanga tichienda kunzvimbo yokunyengetera, takasangana nomusikana akanga ari nhapwa akanga ane mweya wokuvuka. Iye aiwanira vatenzi vake mari zhinji nokuvuka kwake.

17 Musikana uyu aitevera Pauro nesu, achidanidzira achiti, “Varume ava varanda vaMwari Wokumusoro-soro, vari kukuudzai nzira yoruponeso.” 18 Akaramba achiita izvi kwamazuva mazhinji. Pakupedzisira Pauro akashushikana zvikuru zvokuti akatendeuka akati kumweya uyu, “Muzita raJesu Kristu ndinokurayira kuti ubude maari!” Nenguva yakare iyoyo mweya wakabva maari.

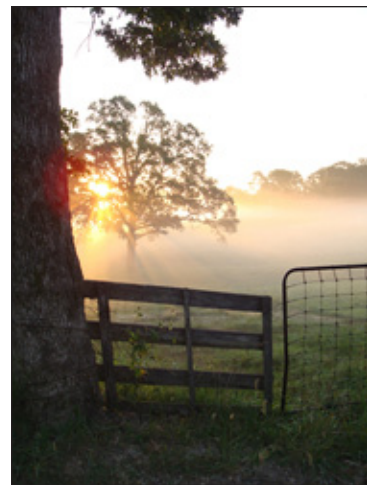
19 Vatenzi vomusikana akanga ari nhapwa vakaona kuti tariro yavo yokuita mari yakanga yapera, vakabata Pauro naSirasi vakavazvuzvurudzira pachivara pamberi pavo. 20 Vakavamisa pamberi pavatongi vakati, “Varume ava vaJudha, uye vamutsa bopoto muguta redu 21 vachidzidzisa tsika dzisingabvumirwi nesu vaRoma kuti tidzigamuchire kana kudziita.” 22 Ungano yakabatana pakurwisa Pauro naSirasi, uye vatongi vakarayira kuti nguo dzavo dzibvarurwe uye kuti varohwe. 23 Shure kwokurohwa zvikuru, vakaiswa mutorongo, uye muchengeti wetorongo akarayirwa kuti avachengetedze kwazvo. 24 Akati agamuchira kurayira uku, akavaisa muchitokisi chomukati akasungirira tsoka dzavo pamatanda.

### *Mukuru weTorongo wepaFiripi Anotendeuka*

25 Panenge pakati pousiku, Pauro naSirasi vakanga vachinyengetera uye vachiimba nziyo kuna Mwari, uye vamwe vasungwa vakanga vakavateerera. 26 Pakarepo pakava nokudengenyeka kwenyika kukuru zvokuti nheyo dzetorongo dzakazungunuka. Kamwe kamwe masuo etorongo akazaruka, uye ngetani dzavanhu vose dzakasununguka.

27 Muchengeti wetorongo akamuka, uye paakaona masuo etorongo azaruka akavhomora munondo wake uye akada kuzviuraya nokuti akafunga kuti vasungwa vakanga vapunyuka. 28 Asi Pauro akadanidzira achiti, “Usazvikuvadza! Tiri muno tose!” 29 Muchengeti wetorongo akadanidzira kuti mwenje utungidzwe, akapinda achimhanya akawira pamberi paPauro naSirasi achidedera.

30 Ipapo akavabudisa kunze akati kwavari, “Vakuru, ndingaita sei kuti ndiponeswe?” 31 Vakapindura vakati, “Tenda kuna She Jesu ugoponeswa, iwe neimba yako.” 32 Ipapo vakataura shoko raShe kwaari nokuna vose vakanga vari mumba. 33 Nenguva yousiku iyoyo, muchengeti wetorongo akavatora akashambidza maronda avo; uye pakarepo, akabhabhatidzwa iye nemhuri yake. 34 Muchengeti wetorongo akaenda navo kumba kwake akavagadzirira zvokudya; akazadzwa nomufaro nokuti akanga atenda kuna Mwari, uye nemhuri yake.



**Zvino iye Ishe asingaperi, asingafi, asingaonekwi, iye Mwari oga, ngaave nokukudzwa nokubwinya nokusingaperi-peri. 1Timoti 1:17**