

## Let Them Hear

Lesson Eleven • Acts 12:1-25

### The Folly of Fighting God

#### Execution, Escape, and Eaten by Worms: What's the Main Point?

If you oppose God, you LOSE; but if you glorify God, you WIN.

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."  
Luke 14:11; 18:14*

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1Peter 5:5; James 4:6*

#### The Hand of Herod VS The Hand of God

Herod used his power as king to satisfy two desires: EXALT self and CRUSH Christians.  
But no opposition, no matter how great it may be, can TRIUMPH against God.

*And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.  
Acts 11:21*

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pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Acts 12:1-3*

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### 1. The PROVIDENCE of God Is Unexplainable!

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the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened  
Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of  
soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Acts 12:1-4*

### 2. The POWER of God Is Unbeatable!

*Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him  
by the church. Acts 12:5*

*And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the  
Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod  
and from all the expectation of the Jewish people." Acts 12:11*

### 3. The PUNISHMENT of God Is Unavoidable!

*So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.  
And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" Then immediately  
an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God.  
And he was eaten by worms and died. Acts 12:21-23*

### 4. The PURPOSE of God Is Unstoppable!

*But the word of God grew and multiplied. Acts 12:24*

#### Three Wonderful Assurances

God SEES our trials, HEARS our prayers, and is fully in CONTROL—so glorify God by  
humbly trusting Him, serving Him, and living for Him.

*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers;  
but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Psalm 34:15-16*