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Praising the Father, Raising His Children, Reaching the World

Deliverance for Progress and Flourishing

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Scripture: Acts 12:1-24

Description: The sermon explores the miraculous escape of Peter from the prison and applies same to life and leadership. It takes a progressing and progressive leader for any society or organization to progress and flourish. A leader in captivity is a disservice to any organization or society.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" - 2 Timothy 3:16

Sermon Transcript

Introduction

The progress and wellbeing of any organization or society is tied to the state of being of its leadership. A progressive leader cannot produce a retrogressive society. It is a taboo. If the leader is poor, his poverty will affect the followers. Likewise, a flourishing leader facilitates a flourishing society. Anyone who succeeds in holding a father captive has easily held the whole family in captivity. If leadership is that crucial to the wellbeing of the followership, then it deserves serious efforts both spiritual and physical to ensure that the head is correct and in good condition.

In the early church, apostle Peter was a key figure everybody looks up to. James, one of the leaders have been killed. When King Herod saw that the Jews were pleased, he proceeded to arrest Peter and put him in jail. His

imprisonment has serious implications for the church and the spread of the gospel. Hence, the church gathered to pray for his release from prison. Prayer remains the solution to solving spiritual problems. Some leaders are misbehaving not because they are not competent, but because they are under demonic bondage. They need deliverance. This sermon focuses on deliverance for our leaders at all levels. Our prosperity depends on their life and performance. Apostle Peter's delivered came in stages. Its overall effects led to the progress of the church.

Various Stages of Peter's Deliverance

1. The chain that ties his hands (Acts 12:7): The chains were broken.
2. The doors and gate that impede his movements (Acts 12:8-10): The doors were opened. And the gate opened by itself.
3. The soldiers that prevent his freedom (Acts 12:18-19a): The soldiers were executed.
4. The king that imprisons him (Acts 12:21-23): Herod was struck by angel and worms ate him up.

Peter's deliverance was total and perfect. Peter's deliverance led to the spread and flourishing of the gospel. If Peter died in the prison, you may have not experienced salvation by now. Imagine the number of followers who are suffering because our leaders are in one bondage or the other. A father in bondage will definitely not be free to lead his family as expected. Some are imprisoned by drunkenness, adultery and fornication, betting, occultic group, demonic spirits, etc. It is worse for a church whose pastor is in captivity. A company whose CEO is a slave cannot flourish. Check any nation that is backward very well, its leadership is under the yoke of task masters.

Our duty is to pray for their deliverance. As we are praying for them, we are praying for ourselves. Their freedom will facilitate our prosperity.

We are leaders as well. Are we sure we are not in bondage?

Prayer Points:

1. As a leader, Lord I break every chain on wrists and ankles. My hands are free to function optimally in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
2. Lord, deliver every leader who supposed to help our nation, but their hands are tied in shackles.
3. Whatever door impeding my progress and prosperity, I command you to open in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
4. Father, execute every spiritual soldier assigned to keep me in slavery.
5. Almighty God, send your angels to strike every spiritual Herod holding my life in captivity.