



CHURCH UNLEASHED

A SERIES THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

I. Although God is almighty; He does not prevent the suffering of some of His choicest servants. vs.1-4

Psalms 2:1-4 (NIV) ¹ Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ³ "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." ⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

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A. Those who teach that it is always God's will to deliver us from sickness, tragedy, and death are false teachers.

Romans 5:3-4 (NIV) ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

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B. God does not love us less when He allows tragedy into our lives.

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C. As difficult as it is, we need to view life from God's eternal perspective, not from our temporal perspective.

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II. Since God is almighty, He can easily deliver His servants from humanly impossible situations if it is His will. vs.5-19

A. God is most glorified when we are most helpless and totally dependent on Him.

Acts 12:17 (NIV) Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

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“And Can It Be?”:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

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B. God often waits until the eleventh hour to deliver us so that we will be motivated to pray.

Acts 12:5 (NIV) So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

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C. God is not limited by the prayers of His people, but He works through our prayers to teach us to depend totally on Him.

“You’re out of your mind! It couldn’t be Peter. It must be his angel!”

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C. God is not limited by the prayers of His people, but He works through our prayers to teach us to depend totally on Him.

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

III. Since God is almighty, He can easily remove the most powerful and proud human leaders when it is His time to do so. vs.20-23

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B. To declare war against God is to commit eternal suicide, because God always wins.

IV. Since God is almighty, His gospel cannot be stopped by any opposition. vs.24-25

- **Hang in there!**
- **Don't rule out Divine deliverance!**
- **God will have the final say regarding injustice!**
- **The greater the opposition, the greater the message!**

Let the position in life that you find yourself, be a witness of the saving and sustaining power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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