

Pauro naSirasi



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

MABASA AVAPOSTORI 16:23-34 - Pauro naSirasi mutorongo

23Shure kwokurohwa zvikuru, vakaiswa mutorongo, uye muchengeti wetorongo akarayirwa kuti avachengetedze kwazvo. **24**Akati agamuchira kurayira uku, akavaisa muchitokisi chomukati akasungirira tsoka dzavo pamatanda.

25Panenge 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.

27Muchengeti 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.

30Ipapo akavabudisa kunze akati kwavari, “Vakuru, ndingaita sei kuti ndiponeswe?”

31Vakapindura 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.

Acts 16:23-34 - Paul and Silas in Prison

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.

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.

A Closer Look: *Giving Thanks*

- 1. Paul and Silas healed a woman who was able to tell fortunes. They removed an evil spirit from her. 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. It was very dark.)*
- 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 give thanks?** *(They knew God was with them even in prison)*
- 10. Do you remember a difficult time in your life, but you were still able to give thanks to God? Tell about that time.**