

# The Philippian Jailer

(God's Word Translation)

Acts 16:16-24

"One day when **Paul and Silas** were going to the place of prayer, a female servant met them. She was **possessed by an evil spirit** that told fortunes. She made a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. {17} She used to follow **Paul** and shout, "These men are servants of the Most High God. They're telling you how you can be saved." {18} She kept doing this for many days. **Paul** became annoyed, turned to the **evil spirit**, and said,

**"I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!"**

As **Paul** said this, the **evil spirit** left her.

{19} When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they grabbed **Paul and Silas** and dragged them to the authorities in the public square... {22} The crowd joined in the attack against **Paul and Silas**. Then the officials tore the clothes off **Paul and Silas** and ordered the guards to beat them with sticks. {23} After they had hit **Paul and Silas** many times, they threw them in jail and ordered the **jailer** to keep them under tight security.

{24} So the **jailer** followed these orders and put **Paul and Silas** into solitary confinement with their feet in leg irons."



**UH-OH!**

**OH NO!**

**OUCH!**

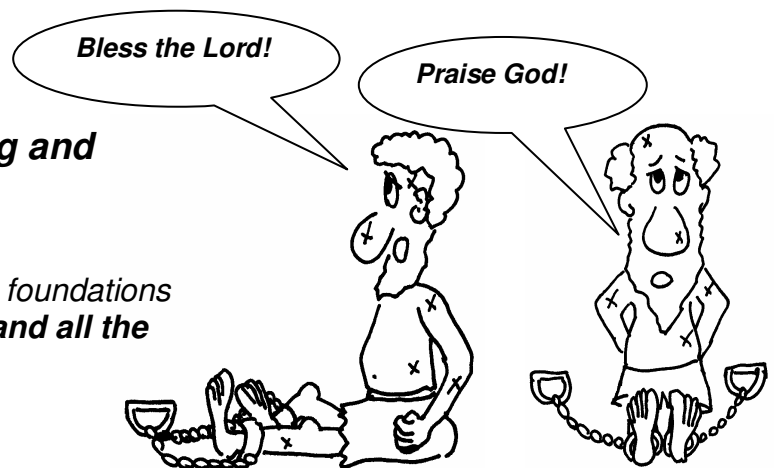
Is it all over for Paul and Silas? Will the devil win?

Acts 16:25-26

"Around midnight **Paul and Silas** were **praying and singing hymns of praise to God**.

The other prisoners were listening to them.

{26} Suddenly, a **violent earthquake** shook the foundations of the jail. All the doors immediately flew open, and **all the prisoners' chains came loose**.



**EARTHQUAKE!**

Paul

Silas

Acts 16:27

*"The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. Thinking the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. {28} But Paul shouted as loudly as he could, "Don't hurt yourself! We're all here!"*

UH-OH! OH NO! OUCH!

Is it all over for the jailer?  
Will the devil win?

Acts 16:29-34

*"The jailer asked for torches and rushed into the jail. He was trembling as he knelt in front of Paul and Silas. {30} Then he brought Paul and Silas outside and asked, "Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved?" {31} They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved." {32} They spoke the Lord's word to the jailer and everyone in his home. {33} At that hour of the night, the jailer washed Paul and Silas' wounds. The jailer and his entire family were baptized immediately. He took Paul and Silas upstairs into his home and gave them something to eat.*

*He and his family were thrilled to be believers in God.* Yeah!

Did the devil win? NO!

Yeah!

Whoopie!

Hooray for Jesus!

Always remember this:  
When you are in trouble of any kind  
and you do not know what to do...  
Or when you are having a bad day and  
are very unhappy...  
Just begin to pray and sing praises to  
God and He will deliver you and bring  
you great joy and happiness!