



SERMON NOTES

The Book of Acts

Prison Break

Pastor Carl Toti - May 25-26, 2019

Acts 16:20-26 (NLT)

20 "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. 21 "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice." 22 A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. 23 They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. 24 So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. 25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

1. THE _____ OF PRAISE

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

"I will bless the Lord at all times," he said; "his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

2. THE _____ OF PRAISE

Revelation 4:11 (KJV)

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Amos 5:21 (KJV)

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

Praise is declarative. We are declaring who God is and what God has done.

Worship is transformative. A person is always transformed into the image or object that is worshiped (see Romans 12:1-3).

3. THE _____ OF PRAISE

Psalms 32:7 (NKJV)

7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Answers:

- 1) Price
- 2) Purpose
- 3) Power