



**Time to
Take
Charge!**

Acts 12 v 1-17



Intro. and Lessons from our Bible Text

1. V1--The two(2) parallels of Herod in Satan.

(Wicked and eaten by worms)

2. V2—He killed James the brother of John.

(The youngest and most anointed of all Jesus' disciples after Paul) The books of John and Revelation.

3. V3.It pleased the Jews. John 16 v1-2. (persecution, destruction of churches, burning of Bibles, killing of

Christians in China, Middle East, Nigeria, and all over the world pleases millions, religious ppl and Govts..)

4...He proceeded further to take Peter also.

(satan is the most wicked, heartless and unfair person in all universe. He never stops until he destroys one completely in hell after making the person's life most miserable here) John 10v 10.

5. Notice God DID NOT DO ANYTHING, WHY?

6. v4 Peter was kept in prison.

(may be your JAMES signifying your Job, Joy, ambitions, achievements, money, mother, has been killed by satan and your Peter is still in prison).

Sometimes, our Peters are kept in prison. Prison (a place beyond your reach, not in sight, under lock&key, in denial, beyond your control etc.)

When Your JAMES DIES...

If your James dies, don't let your peter die!

- Our James dies when we pray for something and we didn't get it.
- When we fasted for loved ones and they still die. (my experience with Mimshack&Dad)
- When we believe God for something and it did not come through.
- When we stood for something and it didn't happen.
- Never define God by your situations or circumstances---just cos your loved one or someone died after you prayed, cried and fasted for their healing; suffered stroke, depression, accidents etc. doesn't mean God is wrong, wicked or has failed!
- Analogy of hospitals and Doctors...

☐ **Our God is the Great “ I AM”**

☐ **The ONLY SELF-EXISTING GOD**

☐ **The ONLY SELF-DEFINING GOD**

☐ **The ONLY SELF-SUFFICIENT GOD, Heb. 13v8.**

☐ **Never change your belief because of your defeat.**

☐ **Never change your love for God cos of your fall**

☐ **Never change your perspectives of God’s goodness cos of your challenges, suffering and situation.**

☐ **Remember the 3 Hebrew men...**

☐ ****Prov.24 v16, Heb.11v13; 2 Cor. 11v23-28.**

God's

❖ **Name**

❖ **Nature**

❖ **Promises**

(All never changes!)

❖ **Grace**

❖ **Power**

❖ **Covenant**

❖ **Word**

7. ...But **prayer was made without ceasing** of the church.

8. V6-10. Mind-blowing miracle as a result of **prayer without ceasing !**

9. V12-17.

--The biggest problem of each of U and the Church today is **Lack of Faith, No expectations when we pray!**



How Do We Take Charge?

****Matt.16v19**

1. By Prayers and In Prayers. Jas 5v13-18 (NKJV &Amp.)

--(The 21days Fasting & Prayers)

2.By Prophecies Heb. 11v3 (NKJV &Amp.)

--(Laying hold on the word of God and declaring it over every situation, circumstances, demoniacal forces and nations etc.

---***Video (British Airway's averted crash prof. Makandiwa)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUjiCHKheS0>

3. Fasting. Matt.17v21-23

4. By Faith. Mk 11v22-23 (What is Faith?)

5. By Righteousness and Godly Living.

6. Obedience to God and His word.

7. In and by the Name of JESUS.

Matt.18v18-19,



Conclusion.

