

Acts 12:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Analysis

Peter's declaration 'Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel' shows his initial confusion transformed to certain recognition. The phrase 'delivered me out of the hand of Herod' attributes salvation to divine intervention, not chance. Peter's understanding of God's rescue from 'all the expectation of the people' acknowledges popular desire for his execution.

Historical Context

Coming to himself after passing guards and gate (Acts 12:10), Peter realized his deliverance wasn't a dream but divine rescue. He immediately went to the prayer meeting at Mary's house (Acts 12:12), fulfilling God's purpose in delivering him—to strengthen the church.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we discern between divine intervention and natural circumstances in our experiences?
2. What should our response be when we recognize God's clear deliverance?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὁ	Πέτρος	γενόμενος	ἐν	ἑαυτῷ	εἶπεν	Νῦν	οἶδα
And	G3588	when Peter	was come	to	himself	he said	Now	I know
G2532		G4074	G1096	G1722	G1438	G2036	G3568	G1492
ἀληθῶς	ὅτι	ἐξαπέστειλεν	κύριος	τὸν	ἄγγελον	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	
of a surety	that	hath sent	the Lord	G3588	angel	G846	And	
G230	G3754	G1821	G2962		G32		G2532	
ἐξείλετο	με	ἐκ	χειρὸς	Ἡρώδου	καὶ	πάσης	τῆς	
hath delivered	me	out of	the hand	of Herod	And	from all	G3588	
G1807	G3165	G1537	G5495	G2264	G2532	G3956		
προσδοκίας	τοῦ	λαοῦ	τῶν	Ἰουδαίων				
the expectation	G3588	of the people	G3588	of the Jews				
G4329		G2992		G2453				

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 6:22 (Parallel theme): My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 3:28 (Parallel theme): Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

2 Peter 2:9 (References Lord): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Psalms 34:7 (References Lord): The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Acts 5:19 (References Lord): But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Psalms 33:18 (References Lord): Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Luke 15:17 (Parallel theme): And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Acts 12:7 (References Lord): And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

Psalms 97:10 (References Lord): Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 109:31 (Parallel theme): For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.