

Acts 16:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Analysis

'Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas.' The literal light parallels spiritual illumination. His 'trembling' and falling before them shows conviction of sin and recognition of divine power. The proud jailor becomes a humble seeker. God's power in the earthquake opened both prison doors and his heart.

Historical Context

The jailor's transformation from harsh guard to humble seeker happened in moments. The earthquake, prisoners' presence, and Paul's mercy combined to produce spiritual crisis and openness.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God use circumstances to produce spiritual hunger?
2. What does genuine conviction of sin look like?
3. How should we respond when God opens someone's heart to the gospel?

Interlinear Text

αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησεν καὶ ἔντρομος
he called Then for a light and sprang in and trembling
G154 G1161 G5457 G1530 G2532 G1790

γενόμενος προσέπεσεν τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σιλᾶ
came and fell down before Paul and Silas
G1096 G4363 G3588 G3972 G2532 G3588 G4609

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 3:9 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

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