

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 Σιλᾷ
came	and fell down before	G3588	Paul	and	G3588 Silas
G1096	G4363		G3972	G2532	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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