

WHEN CHRISTIANS PRAY -

Acts 12:6-11
(incl. vs. 1-17)

I. How CHRISTIANS SHOULD PRAY.

A. Earnestly - vs. 5

1. time of persecution
2. time of violence

B. Believingly - in faith

1. they did not believe when the answer came. vs. 16
2. they thought the maid Rhoda was mad. vs. 15
3. Nevertheless God answered their prayer.

II. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHRISTIANS PRAY.

A. Angels come, vs. 7

B. Chains fall off, vs. 7

C. Iron gates open of their own accord - vs. 10 -

D. the word of God grows & multiplies - vs. 24

E. A vivid contrast -

- the tyrant is eaten by worms and dies;
but the word of God which he sought to
suppress continues to grow & multiply.

I am glad that in this day when some
are asking to substitute for Christianity's
vital bread "a chunk of cloud bank
blistered with the night wind"
that many still believe in a
prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God.

Spurgeon said: "God puts our
prayers like rose leaves
between the leaves of His Book of Remembrance
and when the volume is opened at last,
there shall be a precious fragrance
springing from them."

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