

A Prison Called Guilt

*"Who shall bring any charge to God's elect? It is God who justifies."
Romans 8:33, English Standard Version*

Acts 12:9 – Peter was offered a _____, and left his _____.

Guilt And Its Heavy Chains Upon Us

A. Guilt, and some who struggled with it:

1. Psalm 18:23 – David kept himself from _____ by being _____ in God's sight.
 2. Psalm 32:3,4 – In his guilt, David felt _____'s _____ as being _____ upon him.
 3. Psalm 107:10,11 – They were _____ because of their _____ against God's _____.
 4. Luke 7:37,38 – The woman's _____ were a sign of her guilt.
 5. Luke 18:13 – This man displayed signs of deep _____.
- B. Bombeck: "Guilt: The _____ that keeps on _____."

Finding Release From Our Prison Of Guilt

A. Is release possible?

1. Isaiah 6:7 - _____'s guilt was taken _____ and his _____ were _____ for.
 2. Psalm 107:13-16 – These prisoners were _____ when they _____ to the Lord; He cut through bars of _____.
- B. Through Christ we are offered release from guilt:
1. Matthew 9:5,6 - _____ showed His power to _____ sins.
 2. Isaiah 53:10a – Jesus made an _____ for guilt.
 3. Romans 7:24,25 - _____ struggled with sins effects, but he knew Christ would _____ him.
 4. Romans 8:33,34 – If God _____ us, who can bring _____? (Sometime _____ do!)
- C. Suggestions for stepping out of the prison of guilt:
1. Make sure you have _____ God's plan of _____.
 2. Micah 7:18,19 – Remind yourself that God _____ iniquity.
 3. 1 John 3:20 – Heed _____ more than you heed your _____.
 4. Use past memories to remind you to be _____ to God.

John 11:43 – Jesus called _____ to step out of his "prison".

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