

Acts Ch. 12

“When Life Seems Unfair but You Know God is Good”

**Lessons Learned from the Sovereignty of God and the Mystery of Prayer*

1. V1-4 God says “No” (Thank Him/Trust His Sovereignty)

- i. God’s “NO” is **Protection not Rejection**. God has something better for you.
- ii. Sometimes it’s to **strengthen/develop** you by showing you HIS Grace (**2 Cor. 12:9**)
- iii. **Sometimes its simply NOT God’s will for your life**
- iv. Can God tell you “No” and you still trust that He is good? (Is He your Father or your Consultant?) **Isaiah 55:8-9, Psalm 84:11, Deut. 29:29, Romans 8:28**

2. V5- 19 God Says “Yes” (Thank Him /Praise Him to Others)

- i. Take advantage of every opportunity to Thank God to others when He does answer “Yes” (Thank Him Always-1 Thes. 5:18)
- ii. Prayer is a **“Mystery” not a “Misery”**. If we Pray, we won’t panic and if we panic, we won’t pray
- iii. God is **faithful** to deliver us from the attacks of the Enemy (Isaiah 54:17, Romans 8:31-32)

3. V 20-25 God’s Say Watch (How God deals with Pride)

- i. “He who knows himself best esteems himself least” (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5) “Humble Yourself”
- ii. God Blesses Obedience (**“The Word of God grew and multiplied**)