

## "SHAKING the DEVILS LOOSE"

ACTS 28:1-6  
INTRODUCTION:

1 PETER 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. The only way that God's people will become lions meat will be if they allow Satan to "hold on" to them and not shake him loose.

There are several lessons that can be learned from this portion of scripture. Lessons that will help us be victorious over our circumstances, feelings, and our day to day living for Jesus.

1. LOOK AT THEIR CONDITION! - They had just lost their ship. All of their belongings and even their food was gone. They barely had their lives. They were hungry and cold. And if things couldn't get any worse, it started to rain. IT WAS A PERFECT TIME TO HAVE A FIRE!

A. The people started it. Paul just added to it.

B. The fire ministered to the needs of the people.

2. PAUL HELPED INCREASE THE FIRE WITHOUT BEING TOLD! - We need to understand and feel the necessity of keeping the fire going so that no one has to tell us to get the wood, we come with wood in our hands.

3. WHEN THE FIRE BEGAN TO BUILD, THE SNAKE CAME OUT AND CAUGHT HOLD OF HIS HAND! - Why not his leg? Because his hand was what was bringing the wood.

A. When the fire gets hot enough, it causes snakes to move and sometimes attack. The anointing attracts attacks.

4. WHEN THIS HAPPENED, PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS A MURDERER! - Isn't it odd that when the devil is biting you, people seem to criticize and condemn you? You have got to overlook people by looking over people and what they might say or think.

5. PAUL SHOOK OFF THE SNAKE INTO THE FIRE AND FELT NO HARM! - When the devil bites you, understand that he just bit into royal blood. You are quickened and protected by the blood of Jesus.

A. SHAKE IT OFF - This is something YOU must do in the name of Jesus. LUKE 10:19 - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

B. INTO THE FIRE - Don't stop kindling the fire. Keep on praying. Keep teaching your Sunday School class. Keep working for God. Now is not the time to give up, or the venom of the snake will kill you spiritually. God will see you though it.

C. FELT NO HARM! - ISA. 54:17 - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.

6. WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW HE SUFFERED NO HARM! - They adored him instead of condemning him. God will make it right because all things work to your good, to them who love the Lord.

CONCLUSION:

THE DEVIL HAS HIS TEETH IN SOME OF YOU RIGHT NOW POISONING SOME OF YOUR HUSBANDS. SOME OF YOUR CHILDREN. IN YOUR EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS. IN YOUR MIND. IN YOUR BUSINESS. IN YOUR JOB. ITS TIME TO SHAKE HIM LOOSE.

MATT. 16:19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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