

Prisoners

Psalm 69:33-For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

(KJV)

The Holy Scriptures offer a perspective for believers to consider the imprisoned, Sins imprison each person until repentance occurs and Jesus Christ is embraced. Prisoners are not only those individuals locked in government jails and prisons. The mind can cause individuals to be imprisoned in their own bodies and homes. Repentance is the way to be forgiven and made free from being a prisoner of sin.

Psalm 79:11-Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die; (KJV)

The Lord God is attentive to the hearts, minds and souls of the imprisoned. God responds to repentant hearts, minds and souls of those seeking forgiveness. The imprisoned have the opportunity through repentance to seek God's Kingdom. Prison chains, walls and bars do not prevent a person from seeking repentance. God's love is able to bring forgiveness and healing to the most notorious sinner.

Psalm 102:20-To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; (KJV)

Each person is an individual before God whether in the community or imprisoned. Individuals are created in God's image and likeness and experience God's love. Attentive individuals recognize God's love and embrace God's forgiveness. Accepting God's forgiveness of personal sin facilitates learning to love God. God's love heals, makes well and whole the repentant sinner's broken heart.

Psalm 146:7-Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: (KJV)

Narrow thinkers will bring to mind those locked up in jail and prison cells. Individuals in the community commit crimes of the heart, mind and soul. Repentance is required of all sins by the believers seeking renewal in Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to health, wellness and wholeness. Embracing Christ makes overcoming the chains of sin possible and desirable.

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