

Acts 16:16-24

Songs of Deliverance

Tune your heart ...

- I. Praise in Babylon
 - A. By the Waters
 - B. In a Cell
 - C. Under Oppression

- II. Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs
 - A. When God Sings
 - B. A Soulful Melody
 - C. Saints Find Solace

... to heaven's song.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is the name of the song book that God gives us in the Bible?
2. What did Paul and Silas do that cheered them up when they were in jail?
3. Do you have a favorite Psalm? Do you know a tune you can sing it to?
4. What are some of your favorite Christian songs?

That's My Song

Whenever Alessio played an "old" hymn on his harmonica at the Sr. Citizen's Bible Study someone would often softly say "that's my song." Something in the melody resonated with one or more of the ladies that attended – the tune would stir an emotion and conjure up lyrics that spoke to the souls of the aged saints. We all have songs that move us like that. For Christians it is the songs of Zion that speak to us most profoundly and we find ourselves going back to them time and time again, especially in times of trouble and sorrow. The Psalms are supreme in this respect but many hymns and choruses speak deeply to us as well. Praise in song is a gift from God and should be a regular part of our life of devotion, but we often cherish spiritual songs most when we are the neediest. God's ministry of song to believers under oppression is an ancient tradition that has never faded among His people. He has spoken to us glorious truths that bless our souls – we put them to tunes and sing them back to Him – and we in turn are blessed. What songs speak to you? Are they "God songs" that remind you of His presence and love? Do they satisfy your soul in times of need? Do they help mend your heart when broken? May the Lord bless you with a lovely repertoire of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to serenade you in your time of need. And may our brothers and sisters under oppression around the world find great freedom through the ministry of heaven inspired songs in the very midst of their trials.