

The "Sleep of Holy Confidence" Psalm 3:5-6

Charles Spurgeon has written that, "There is a sleep of presumption; God deliver us from it! There is a sleep of holy confidence; God help us so to close our eyes!" (*Treasury of David*, e-Sword)

Acts 12:1-10

John 21:18-19

2 Samuel 12:11-14

Verse 5

Recall verse 4; this was an answer to prayer.

Wayne Grudem has written in his *Systematic Theology* text that:

God has also ordained that prayer is a very significant means of bringing about results in the world. When we earnestly intercede for a specific person or situation, we will often find that God had ordained that our prayer would be a *means* he would use to bring about the changes in the world. Scripture reminds us of this when it tells us, "You do not have, because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Jesus says, "Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). (p. 334)

Verse 6

2 Samuel 15:13; 17:1-14

Hebrews 2:14-15