

The Church is Advancing

Acts 12:1-25





God's Purposes cannot be Predicted

1. Political Pressure

2. Persecution



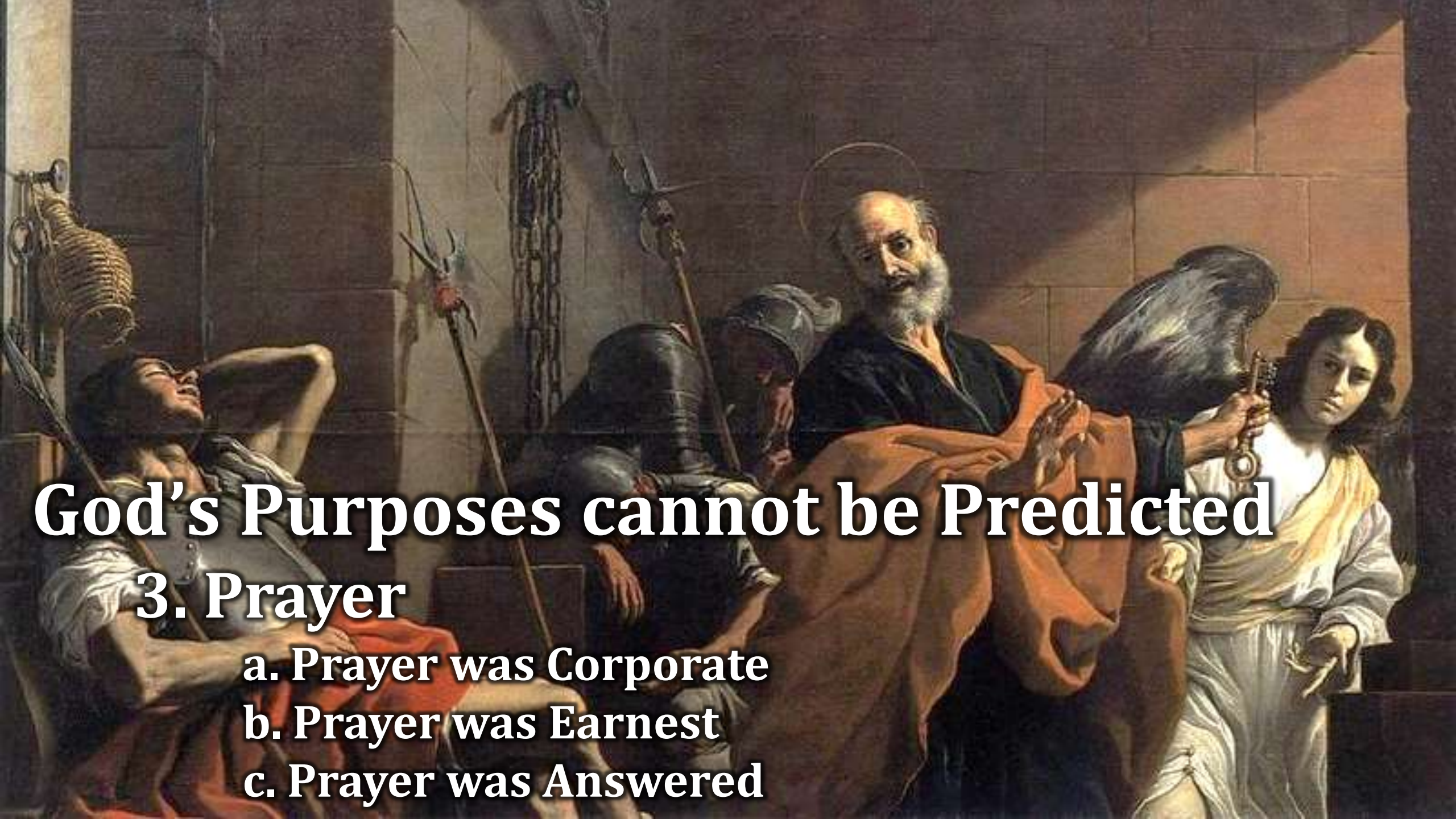
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a. Violence

b. Murder

c. Mob Rule

d. Imprisonment



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3. Prayer

- a. Prayer was Corporate
- b. Prayer was Earnest
- c. Prayer was Answered



God's Power cannot be Contested

1. We need to Trust

a. Peter is Passive

b. Peter is Persuaded



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2. We need Fellowship

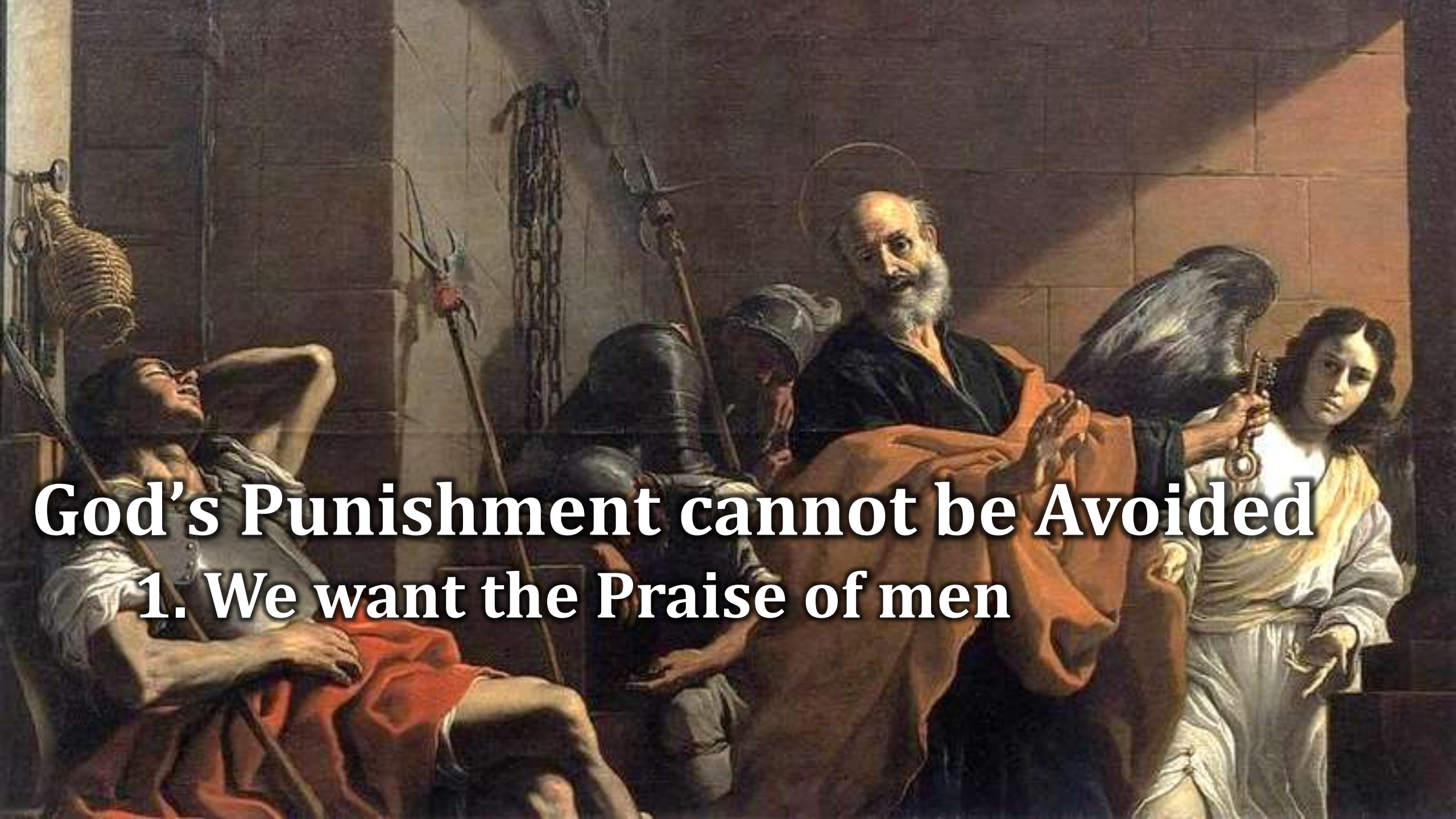
- a. They were Surprised**
- b. They were Superstitious**
- c. They were Amazed**



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3. We need to be Wise

- a. God Rarely Directs Supernaturally**
- b. God Always wants us to Think**



God's Punishment cannot be Avoided
1. We want the Praise of men



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2. We want to be God

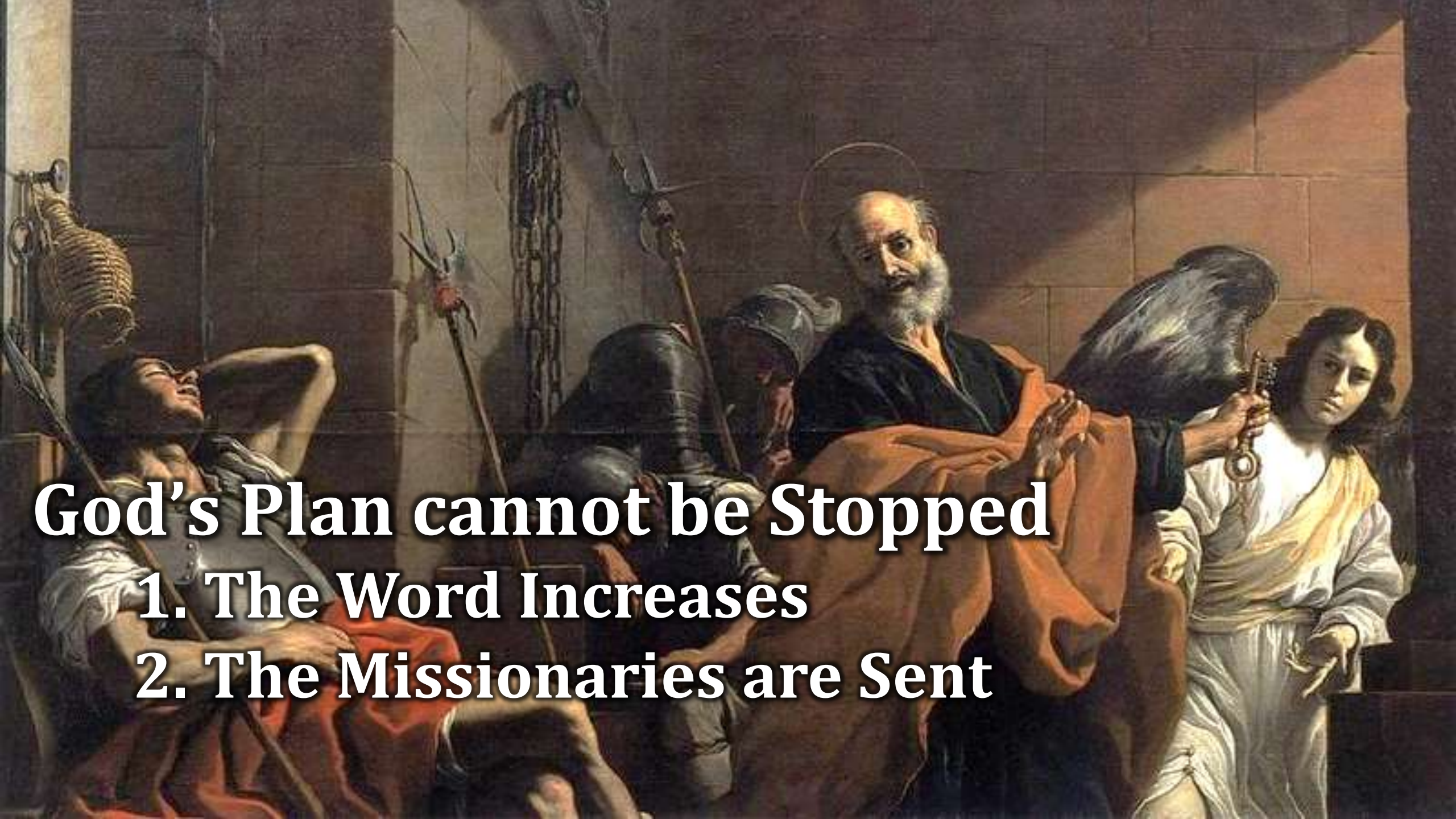
- a. Personally
- b. Corporately



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3. We want Live Judgment Free

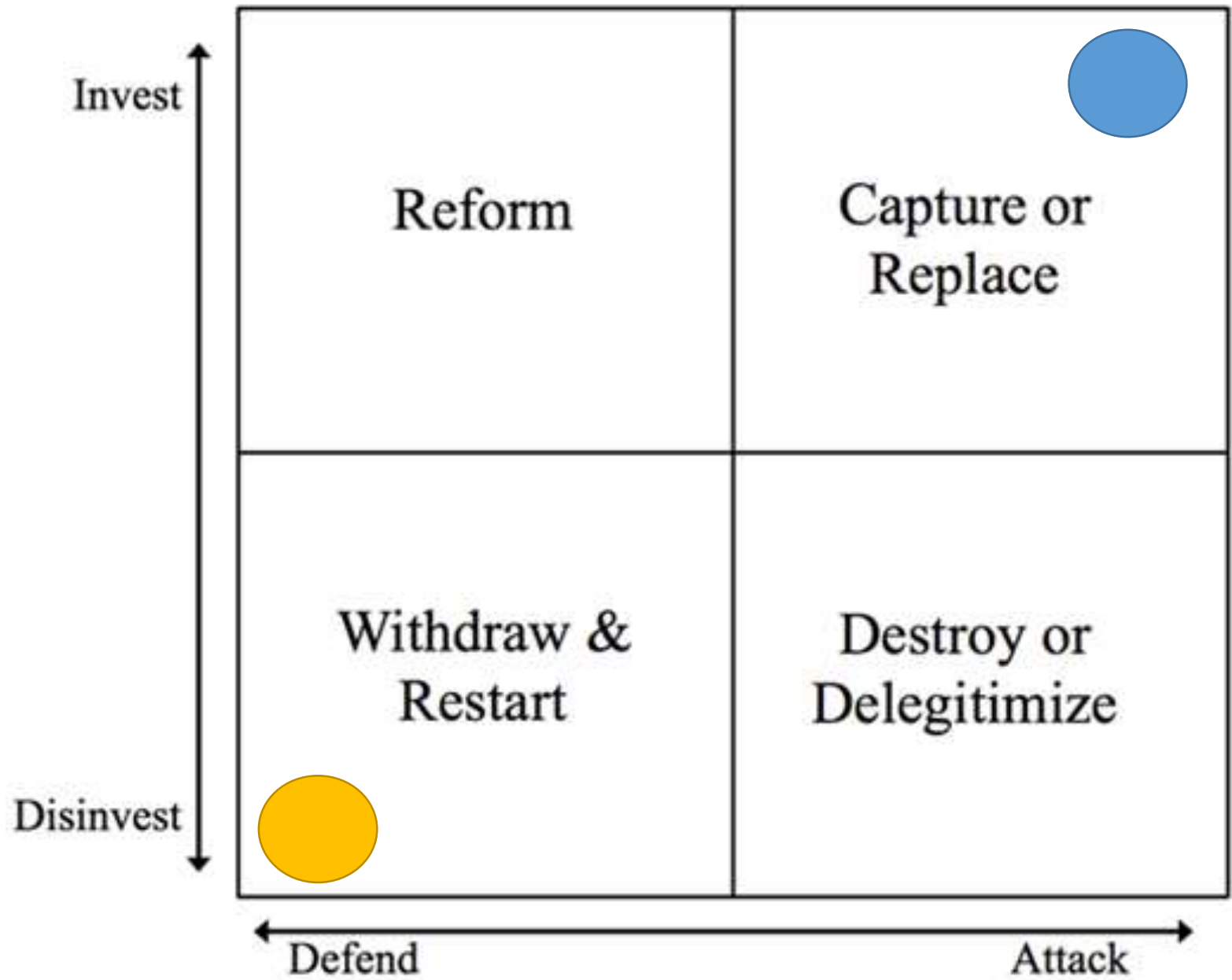
- a. God does not share His Glory**
- b. God Judges Harshly**



God's Plan cannot be Stopped

1. The Word Increases

2. The Missionaries are Sent





What do we need to do?
Advance!