

# sermon notes

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April 24, 2024 | A King's Authority | **Esther 1:10-22**

1) A King's \_\_\_\_\_ **V10-11**

2) A King's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ **V12-15**

3) A King's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ **V16-22**

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Do you think King Ahasuerus's reaction to Queen Vashti's disobedience was justified? How could the king have handled the situation in a wiser fashion?

Look ahead at the coming chapters in Esther and pay attention to when King Ahasuerus receives counsel or advice. How does the King receive advice? Is the advice that the king receives more often wise or unwise?

### GET PERSONAL

Are there areas in your life where you resist God's authority? Are there any commands in scripture or convictions of the Holy Spirit that you prefer to ignore? How can you better submit to God's authority?

In the places of your life that God has gifted you with your authority, like within your home, church or workplace, do you exercise authority more like King Ahasuerus or King Jesus? Would those under your authority describe you as demanding or sacrificial?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Take steps to seek a more submissive heart to God's authority. Consider praying and using the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6 as a template to lift God's name on high and put His will above your own. Seek out ways to confess and escape from any secret, rebellious sin in your life.

Consider what influences your views on authority. Have you allowed negative experiences with bad authority figures to color your view of God's righteous authority? Do you model your own authority on godly and righteous examples or do you look to worldly leaders for your example.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS

In Esther 1, we see how authority in the home can influence how culture and language are passed from parents to children. The Jews were called by God to be culturally distinct from those around them.

Read Ezra 9 and 10. What had God commanded His people regarding inter-culture marriage? Do you think the Jews responded properly in these chapters?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What does God expect of the church today regarding inter-cultural families?