

Esther Lesson 8, Chapters 6 & 7

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Opposing Plans Part B

The Lord intended by the narrative of Esther's history to set before us a wonderful instance of His providence, that when we had viewed it with interest and pleasure, we might praise His name and then go on to acquire the habit of observing His hand in other histories, and especially in our own lives." Spurgeon

In God's providence He created Esther , giving her beauty, and a special character that brought her to this place for a time such as this. Psalm 139:15-17, Esther 4:13-14

As we quickly review the events up to this climatic event we see that all is in accordance with God's perfect plan. Isaiah 46:10.

Chiastic structure of Esther to this point: See full version in handout for lesson 1.

- A. Two banquets (feasts)
- B Esther becomes Queen and Mordecai saves the King
- C Haman elevated to power
- D Haman's decree to destroy the Jewish people
- E Esther and Mordecai's' plan to reverse the decree
- F Esther's 1st banquet and Haman plans Mordecai's execution
- G PIVOT: the king's sleepless night
- F Esther's second banquet and Haman Executed.

Truth: **God is sovereign in all the details** – page 196

Mordecai's attributes (Part A that we are to seek Him, seek His wisdom and understanding, Hide His Word in our heart, Praise God and pray without ceasing)

1. Humility, be humble: To show a modest estimate of one's value or importance, acknowledging _____ on God. Deut 8:2, James 1:3-4, Proverbs 27:1, Proverbs 29:23

2. Do not seek the riches of this world. Psalm 37:16, Proverbs 22:4

1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

3. Wait expectantly. POA: Do we wait on the LORD?

Wait for His answer Psalm 5:3

Pray and wait expectantly Psalm 37:7

Wait patiently Psalm 62:5

Waiting gives us strength and renewal Isaiah 40:31

Wait expectantly for the hope of His return Romans 8:25, 1 Cor 1:7, Galatians 5:5, Phil 3:20

1 Thess 1:10, 2 Peter 3:12

The opposing plan: Hamans example of the trifecta of sin 1 John 2:15-16.

Pride of Life

Lust of the Flesh

Lust of the eyes

We see them displayed in 6 things God hates Proverbs 6:16-19

Haughty eyes: Proverbs 21:4, 30:12-13

Lying tongue: Proverbs 12:22; 17:7; 21:6; 26:28; Psalm 120:2; Isaiah 32:7.

Hands that shed innocent blood: Isaiah 59:3

Heart that devices wicked plans: Genesis 6:5

Feet that run rapidly to evil: Proverbs 1:16

A false witness who utters lies: Psalm 27:12

One who spreads strife among brothers Proverbs 6:14, 16:28

Those who walk in pride God will humble - Daniel 4:37

Truth – God lets the revengeful and prideful self -destruct. Page 178, Proverbs 11 and 12

We always have a choice to walk in God's plan according to His word or to walk in the opposing plan. Romans 5:10 Titus 2:11-14, Proverbs 6:20-23

Westminster Larger Catechism: God's work of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all His creatures; ordering them and all their actions to His own glory.