

# ***Deliverance!***

## **Esther Lesson 9 (Ch. 8-10)**

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INTRO: A happy ending! ☺

### **I. The Tables Have Turned.**

#### **A. Esther's Role: Save the Jews (8:1-6)**

Note demeanor (v. 5): NO confidence in her P \_\_\_\_\_ or P \_\_\_\_\_ "If it seems good to the king..."

The danger of "U \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIDENCE" (Gal. 5:24; Ja. 4:6; Prov. 3:5-7; 28:26; Phil. 3:2; 2 Cor. 3:4-5)

#### **B. The King's Decree Avenges the Jews (8:7-17)**

#### **C. The Jews Strike Down Their Enemies (9:1-20) "The A \_\_\_\_\_ of God's eye" (Zech. 2:8)**

#### **D. The Feast of Purim is Established (9:20-31)**

(v. 22) ...*from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday*. Only God! No shamin' Haman.

> Esther and Mordecai wrote words of "peace and truth" (9:30)

#### **E. Mordecai's Greatness (Ch. 10)**

### **II. Purposes of the Book of Esther**

#### **A. Encouragement**

#### **B. Explanation of the Feast of Purim**

#### **C. Reminder of God's Sovereignty**

*In every generation, we need the reminder that **God is sovereign and providentially protects his people. His purposes cannot be thwarted by opponents or by the worldliness/sinfulness of his people.***

> POA: Have you grown in your understanding of God's sovereignty? Have you learned to embrace His providence? Have you applied what you've learned to unexpected/unpleasant/unwanted circumstances in your life? To changes in our church? To how you deal with insomnia? ☺

### **III. Words of Peace and Truth (Parallels drawn from study of Esther)**

- Like the Jews, we had an edict of D \_\_\_\_\_ against us; objects of God's wrath (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3)
- But G \_\_\_\_\_! By GRACE alone through FAITH alone in CHRIST alone (Eph. 2:4-7; 1 Cor. 1:24). Five Solas
- CONTRAST: We contributed N \_\_\_\_\_ to our deliverance (Eph. 2:8)
- Like the Jews in battle, God has provided everything we need for victory (2 Peter 1:1-11). Resources:
  1. The Word of God (Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16)
  2. The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; John 16:13; Phil. 3:12)
  3. The Church - Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-13). Question: Who is your Mordecai?
- Like Esther, we were O \_\_\_\_\_, aliens, enemies. God A \_\_\_\_\_ us (1 John 1:12; Eph. 1:5; 2:7-16).
- Like the Jews, God has specific glorious P \_\_\_\_\_ in delivering (rescuing/saving/adopting) us:
  1. Productive, fruitful lives (Eph. 2:10)
  2. Conformity to Christ (transformation from glory to glory) (Rom. 8:29; Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 3:18)
  3. G \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:30; Rev. 22:1-17)
- We share Mordecai's exaltation wearing R \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Pet. 3: 9-10; prodigal son, Luke 15:22)
- We rest in the marvel that God's purposes cannot be T \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 46:9-11; Psalm 46:10)
- God wrote Esther's story and ours, calling our name before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4, 11)
- God is omni-present, working M \_\_\_\_\_ behind the scenes. Foreshadowing (Est. 2:23, 7:10)  
*Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit: "Bidden or not bidden, God is present." => Coram Deo!*
- God's timing is P \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5:6)
- Like Esther, we grow through the trials God E \_\_\_\_\_ to us [key word!] (James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-5)
- God desires that we *remember* and C \_\_\_\_\_ all He's done (Eph. 2:11-12)

*We may sing beforehand, even in our winter storm, in the expectation of a summer sun at the turn of the year; **no created powers can mar our Lord Jesus' music, nor spill our song of joy.** – Samuel Rutherford*

# Your plan



## Gods Plan

