

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

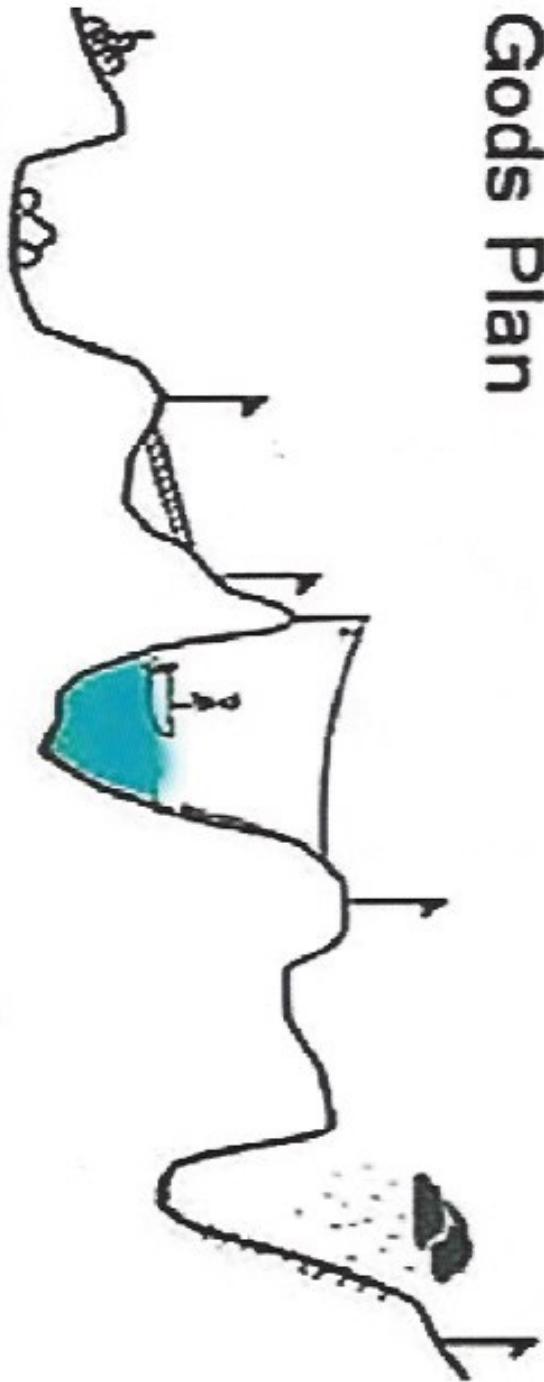
In every generation, we need the reminder that God is sovereign and providentially protects his people. His purposes cannot be thwarted by opponents or by the worldliness/sinfulness of his people.
> POA: Have you grown in your understanding of God's sovereignty? Have you learned to embrace His providence? 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

Gods Plan



Your plan

