

## Lesson 7 God's Mysterious Ways

### Esther Chapter 5

#### Opposing Plans Part A

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"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

A plan is a method devised for making or \_\_\_\_\_ something or achieving an \_\_\_, laying the foundation for a \_\_\_\_\_.

God's plan will come to its perfect conclusion in His \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Peter 3:9. He is not slow. I will accomplish all My \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 46:10

God's ultimate plan is revealed in creation, fall, \_\_\_\_\_, and ultimate \_\_\_\_\_. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ theme from G \_\_\_\_\_ to R \_\_\_\_\_. It is rooted in His L \_\_\_\_\_, M \_\_\_\_\_ and J \_\_\_\_\_, working His redemptive purposes for His \_\_\_\_\_ into eternity.

#### Promises of His Plan

- His Redemptive plan : Genesis 3:15
- His Covenantal Promises
- His deliverance of Isreal
- His Redemption for Sinners

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God has been present since the prophets of old. Romans 1:1-4, Luke 1:68, 2 Peter 3:2, Acts 3:21

God's Word gives \_\_\_\_\_ of His plan. Romans 4:20-21, Hebrews 10:23, Phillipians 1:6

Satan attempts to thwart God's plan and he has willing\_\_\_\_\_.

The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ or wicked above all things. Jeremiah 17:9

#### Opposing Plans

- D \_\_\_\_\_ of Eve and the fall Genesis 3
- P \_\_\_\_\_ decree to kill all Hebrew boys Exodus chapter 1.
- D \_\_\_\_\_ of his chosen people (as seen in Exodus, Joshua, Judges, Hosea, Habakkuk for just a few examples)

Numerous accounts in Gods Word speak of disobedience and idolatry, which seem to thwart God's plan.

SPOILER ALERT #1: Haman does not succeed. The Lord has made even the \_\_\_\_\_ for the day of \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 16:4 (See Marie's handout Lesson 1 Does God ordain evil?)

SPOILER ALERT #2: The \_\_\_\_\_ is already won.

3 things that produce continual actions to thwart God's plan 1 John 2:15-16

1. Pride of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lust of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lust of \_\_\_\_\_

God will \_\_\_\_\_ His plan. Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 19:10, John 3:16, Ephesians 3:10-11

We see clearly that Mordecai had some \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Esther 4:13-14

God prepared Esther : her \_\_\_\_\_, her \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with Hegai and many others in the palace. Favor with the \_\_\_\_\_. All grooming her early for a time just as this to approach the king without a summons. This is not a coincidence!!!

"Coincidence is God's way or remaining anonymous." C. S. Lewis

Esther approached the king in \_\_\_\_\_, humbly yet \_\_\_\_\_.

POA: How do we approach the throne of grace? Do we believe we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God? Romans 8:16-17.

As children of God we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God and fellow heirs with \_\_\_\_\_, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ life. Titus 3:7, Ephesians 3:5-6, Galatians 3:29, 1 Corinthians 3:23

SO, let us come \_\_\_\_\_ with confidence before the throne. Hebrews 4: 15-16, Daniel 4:3, 1 Timothy 1:17

We have boldness to enter into the holiest only by the blood of Jesus our \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew Henry.

Psalm 1 Gives a beautiful picture of opposing plans (Psalm 1: 1-6)

Walk with God	Walk with Satan/sin nature
Doesn't walk in counsel of wicked, stand in way of sinners or sit in the seat of scornful	Like the chaff that blows away Ungodly can't stand in judgment
Delights in the law and meditates on it	Wicked can't be in the assembly of righteous
A tree planted by rivers of water – fruitful	Their way shall perish

How do we walk in God's plan

1. Seek Him and His \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 1:2-5, 2:2-6, 4:5, Matthew 6:33, James 1:5
2. Watch your Speech: Slow to speak. Proverbs 10:11, 10:13a, JMWA 1:19, James 3:9-10
3. \_\_\_\_\_ His Word in our \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 119:11, Prov 3:3, 6:21, 7:2-3, Psalm 119:105
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Witness, Romans 1:16, 2 Timothy 1:8 Mt 28:19-20, Mark 16:5, Acts 1:8 one-anothering, Colossians 3:16, Romans 12:16, 14:13, 14:19, 15:14, Galatians 5:13-14,
5. Praise and Prayer: Deuteronomy 10:21, Isaiah 42:10, Joel 3:3, Ephesians 1:6, Psalm 6:9, Ephesians 6:18 Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17