

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 Israel
- 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 God's 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