

Esther

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –05/24/21

Lesson 4

Esther 5:1-7:10

1. Read Esther 5:1-8. What action did Esther take after the 3 days of fasting? Why do you think she asked the king and Haman to two separate banquets instead of pleading to the king for her people at the first opportunity? Is she afraid? Following God's leading? Patiently waiting to see what happens?
2. Read Esther 5:9-14. What was Haman's reaction to his two banquet invitations? Of what did he boast to his friends and his wife? In spite of these things that brought him happiness, why was Haman still not satisfied?
3. What was his wife's solution to the problem of Mordecai? How would you describe this couple?
4. Read Esther 6:1-3. What seeming coincidences did God bring about that made the timing of Esther's second banquet perfect for her request of the king?
5. Read Esther 6:4-9. What was Haman's recommendation to the king? Why?
6. Read Esther 6:10-14. How was Haman greatly humiliated? Why did Haman not find solace from his wife and advisors?
7. Read Esther 7:1-10. How did Esther finally phrase her request of the king? (vv. 1-4)
8. What was the king's immediate response? What did Haman finally realize? Ironically, to whom did he turn for help? (vv. 5-7)
9. What was the king's decision in the matter? Why?
10. Read Psalm 7:14-16, 37:8-15. Proverbs 16:18, 29:22-23. What contributed to Haman's eventual downfall?