

Reversal of Fortune

Esther 5,6

Esther's Invitation (5:1-4)

“third day”

Hosea 6:2

“Queen Esther”

“he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter”

God's favor towards us was demonstrated in His offer of the cross

Why did she choose a banquet?

Esther's Request (vs. 5-8)

Why does Esther make the King wait?

Haman's Plot (vs. 9-14)

A. The Rage (vs. 9-10)

God purposes that our desire for acceptance in to be fulfilled in Christ.

Romans 15:7

B. The Pride (vs. 11-13)

Isaiah 14:12-15

Pride comes before a fall (**Proverbs 16:18**)

Pride is contrary to life with God (**Proverbs 3:34**)

Pride in one's heart leads to hatred of others

Pride does not satisfy

C. The Plan (vs. 14)

Zeresh/ friends – if you want to be happy again, have

Mordecai killed

A Sleepless Night (6:1-3)

“that night the king could not sleep”

1st incidence of unusual linkage or timing of events

It was important that Persian kings publicly reward those who were loyal as a means of promoting their own safety.

Mordecai Honored (vs. 4-11)

While Haman plots Mordecai's death, the king plans to honor Mordecai's service using Haman to do so.

“what should be done for the man the king delights to honor?”

Haman Grieves (vs. 12-14)

Mordecai returns to the king's gate

Haman rushed home with his head covered in grief

Conclusion

1. **God doesn't always take center- stage; He often works off-stage.**
2. God is at work just as much in the difficult times of my life as He is in the easy times of my life.
3. **The ultimate reversal of fortune is found in Jesus Christ.**
Romans 8:35-39