FAVOR WITH THE KING

The Coming Reign

of

ESTHER

The Bride of Christ

Message #6



- We ended our last message having finished Esther, chapter 4, where **Esther begins to act like a Queen**.
- Chapters 4 and 5 are the turning point of the story.
- She had **listened** to **Mordecai**, representing the **Holy Spirit**, and **was now giving orders to Mordecai to gather the people together and she called for a fast.**
- Esther had made up her mind that she would **go before the king for her people** and if she perished, she perished.
- **Mordecai obeyed her commands**.
  - Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer*,
  - **Go, gather together** all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and **fast** ye for me, and neither eat nor drink **three days,** night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.
  - **So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him**.
    Esther 4:15-17



- God is **calling out his people**, his **INSTRUMENT** by which he will collect then the **remnant of Edom** and the **residue of men**.
- God is looking for **Esther**, the **bride**, who is **listening to Mordecai**, the Holy Spirit.
- **God is looking for the Church who will lay it down.**
- **You have to be called into that.**
- And if you are **not called or summoned and you go in on your own**, **you better know before you go in that the King is in love with you.**
- And **if you don't know that, you best not go in.**
- Esther would not go in as a virgin or a concubine or one of the other queens, **she went in as His WIFE.**
- Esther would go in with a **REQUEST**, a **PURPOSE**.



- **Esther** had sat under the **father ministry** who told her **what to do**, then now **she who had obeyed demanded obedience**.
- And **she who had listened became listened to.**
- And **she who had been governed began to govern.**
- **Do you know that the King is SMITTEN by your PRESENCE**?
  - Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, ***my*** **spouse**; thou hast **ravished my heart with one of thine eyes**…Song of Solomon 4:9
- **One look from you is what the King is looking for!**
- **Now, somebody has to go in**.
- But **nobody is going in until there is an attitude of KNOWING the King's thoughts toward you are established**.
- **IF I PERISH, I PERISH**!

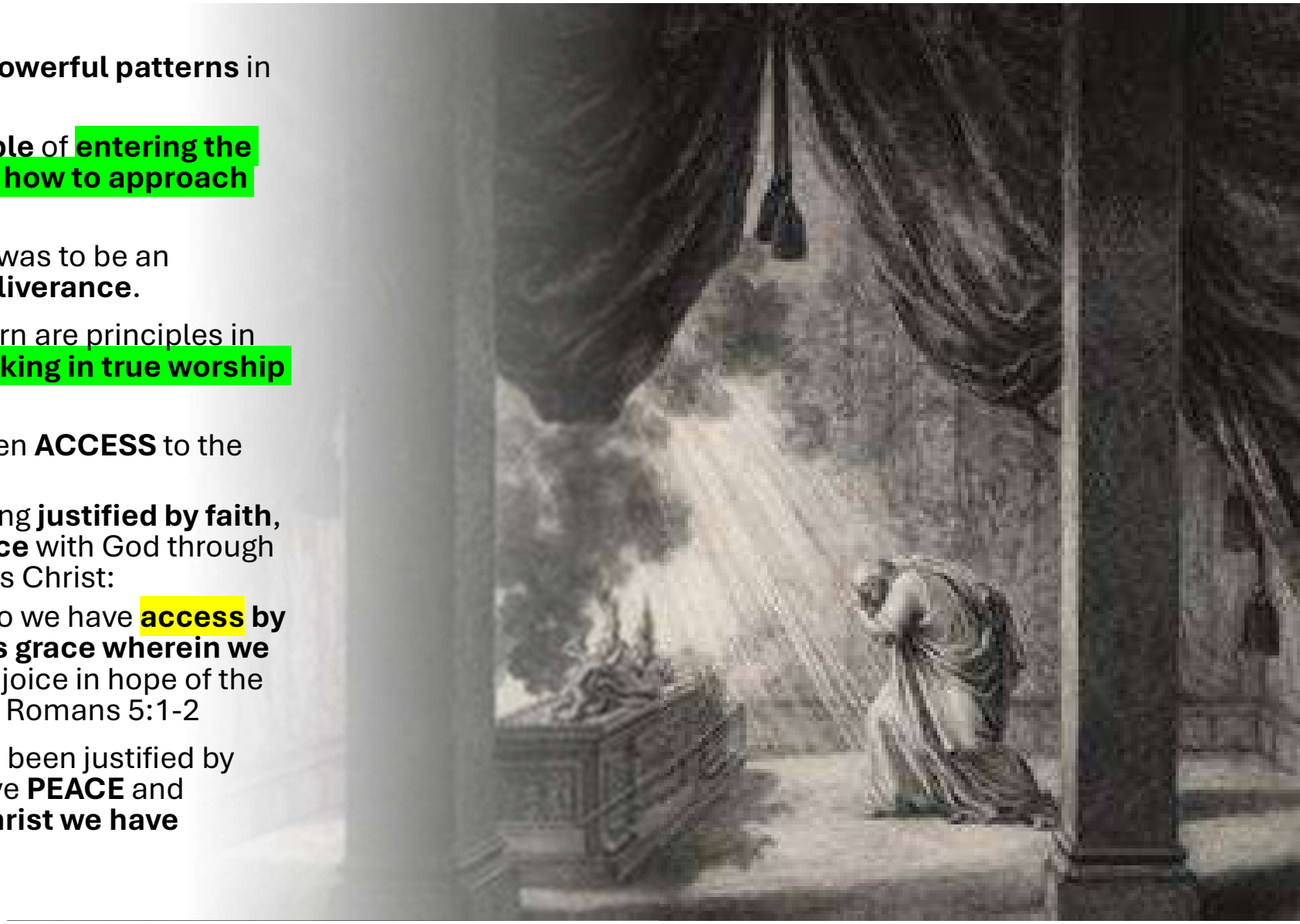


- Esther put on her ROYAL apparel. This was not her casual dress. It was her **royal kingdom attire**.
    - Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on ***her*** **royal** ***apparel***…Esther 5:1
- She was **coming before the king as his PARTNER**, and she had a special **request**.
- It was the gift of LOVE that was in Esther, manifested through **humility**, **honor** and **service** in the worst of times that ultimately **delivered** her and her people.
- Somebody like **Ruth** is going to **PRESS** into the **presence** of the king and **LIVE**.
- Chapter five is divine **providence** exemplified by the king's **reception** and **acceptance** of Esther, by the indication that **he would grant her petition**.
- In chapters four and five we see reaction, **sackcloth**, **ashes**, **grieving** and **distress** and **action**, **unity** and **assembling**, **fasting** and **going before the King**.





- We will see **two powerful patterns** in this chapter.
- **One** is the **principle** of **entering the most holy place; how to approach the King.**
- Esther's purpose was to be an **instrument of deliverance**.
- The **second** pattern are principles in **approaching the king in true worship and prayer.**
- We have been given **ACCESS** to the King.
  - Therefore being **justified by faith**, we **have peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
  - **By whom** also we have **access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2
- This says we have been justified by **FAITH** and we have **PEACE** and **through Jesus Christ we have ACCESS.**



- Ephesians 2:18 says, “For through him we both (Jew and Greek) have **access** **by one Spirit** unto the Father.”
- Ephesians 3:12 says, “In whom we have boldness and **access** **with confidence by the faith of him**.”
- Say **ACCESS**! We have **ACCESS** to the King!
- **The birthright of the believer is ACCESS**
- In the **Day of Atonement**, only one person, the high priest, out of millions had access.
- No one else had access, **until the rent veil**!
- **We’ve been given access.**
- You can go **IN** to the King.
- I can go **IN** to the King.



- You've been given a ticket to the King's throne.
- You have **ADMISSION**.
- Let's say you want to go see a show, so you buy your ticket early.
- You go to the ticket window to pick up your ticket.
- You can stand outside and say, "Oh I would love to see that show." "I've waited all year to see that show." "I bought the ticket, I paid the price to see that show."
- **But until you go and pick up your ticket, you can't go into the show.**
- I can't pick up your ticket for you.
- "Would you do my **praying**?" **NO**
- "Would you do my **hurting**?" **NO**
- "Would you do my **studying**?" **NO**
- **ADMIT ONE.**
- One ticket has Your name on it.



- There is an **ACT** of **MOVING** to get the ticket.
- It means an **APPROACH** to God.
- **ACCESS** means we have a **RELATIONSHIP** with God whereby we are **acceptable** to Him and have **assurance** that he is favorably disposed toward us.

- **Access** means "**admission**; the act of **bringing** to, **moving** to; an **approach** to God, **to be led in** being **brought**, being **carried**."
- **Access** speaks of a **freedom to enter** through the assistance or **favor** of another.
- You can't do this **in your own strength**.
  - For as many are **LED**, they **are the sons of God**. Romans 8:14
- **Ezekiel** was **carried** by the **Spirit of God**.
  - Jesus was **LED** by the Spirit into the wilderness… Matthew 4:1
- **The Holy Spirit is your chauffer.**
- Mordecai's words led Esther to **approach** the King.
- **Let the Holy Spirit LEAD you.**



- **Esther had access. She was going into the inner court.**
- Esther was going **face to face** to see the **King's** face.
- **Picture a people moving into the throne room**.
- The **most holy place** has many parallel pictures in the Bible.
- **Joseph** receiving the favor of **Paraoh** is a parallel.
  - And Joseph found grace in his [master's] sight, and **he served him**: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.
  - And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house **for Joseph's sake**; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.
  - And **he left all that he had in Joseph's hand**; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person*, and well favoured. Genesis 39:4-6



- Another parallel is **Aaron going beyond the veil** on the day of atonement with both hands full of incense.
  - And he (Aaron) shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and **bring *it* within the vail.** Leviticus 16:12
- Ruth went down to the threshing floor to **Boaz**.
  - And it shall be, when he (Boaz) lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and **he will tell thee what thou shalt do**. (Ruth 3:4)
- **Queen Sheba** received the favor of **King Solomon**. (1 Kings 10:13)
- **Mordecai** was honored by **King Xerxes**. (Esther 6:10-11)
- **Daniel** was honored by the **king**. (Daniel 6:1-3)
- **Paul** went to speak before **kings**. He spoke before **Agrippa** and **Nero**
  - But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings.** (Acts 9:15)





- And most of all, **Jesus is an example entering within the veil for us**.
  - Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which **entereth into that within the veil**;
  - Whither **the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 6:19-20
- These are all **pictures of Esther going into the throne room**.
- These are **parallels**.
- There are **different ways** of looking at the same thing.
- **Somebody has to go in and save the day.**
- **Somebody has to go in and pay the price.**
- **Is that somebody you?**



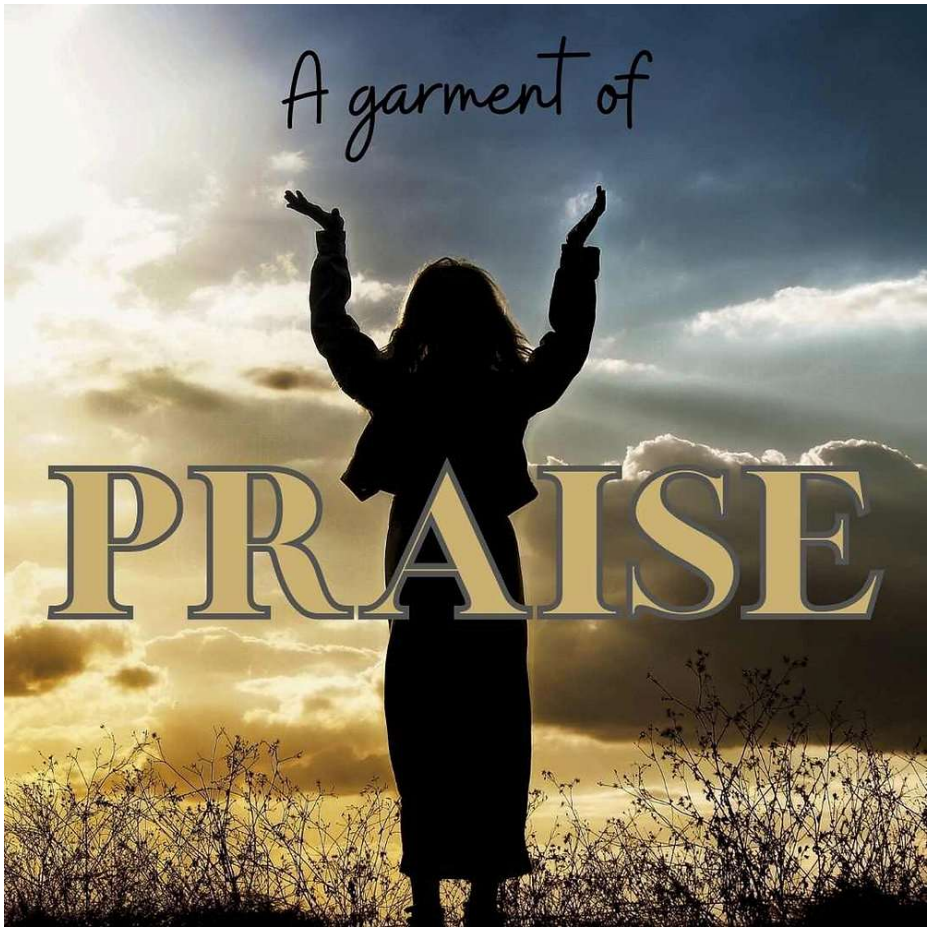
- Now it came to pass on the **THIRD DAY** (of the fast), that **ESTHER PUT ON** *her* **ROYAL APPAREL**, and STOOD (take one's stand, stand upright, arise; remain, endure – JUSTIFIED, RIGHTEOUS) in the INNER COURT of the king's house, over against the king's house ("in front of the king's throne room"): and the KING SAT (down) upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. Esther 5:1
- This all happened on the **THIRD DAY.**
- Esther "**put on**" which literally means "to **wrap around**".
- She wrapped around her **royal clothes** herself.
    - **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** Galatians 3:7
- She put on her royal apparel. "Royal" means "to **rule**, **dominion**, or royal **power**".
- We don't know what color her dress was that day, her royal dress.
- **She was bold.**



- When we **wrap ourselves in royalty**, God opens doors for us left and right.
- We are **kings** and **priests**!
- **Put on your royal garments.**
- **Throw off the spirit of heaviness and put on a garment of PRAISE**. (Isaiah 61:3)
- You may say, "But I hurt."
- Welcome to life.
- "But I stepped out and I got hurt. What if it happens again?"
- Look forward to it!
- Learn this – I hope we step out into our calling before we die
- It's not about us. It's never been about us.
- I grow weary with those who talk about themselves – this is Haman attitude.
- "I this" and "my children and my this"
- Haman went home to his wife and his friends and had a Haman party.
  - **Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.** Proverbs 27:2



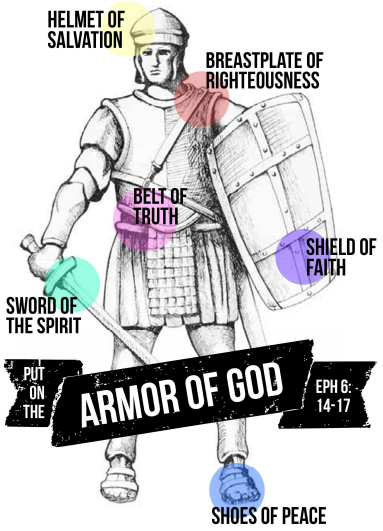
- Some may say, “I don’t have a thing to wear!”
- **Go to your closet** and **put on your royal outfit (PRAISE)**.
  - But thou, when thou prayest, **enter into thy closet**, and when thou hast **shut thy door**, **pray to thy Father which is in secret**; and **thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.** Matthew 6:6
- It’s time to **go and see the king**.
- There’s a **law of sin and death that has already been abolished**.
- Come on! **Somebody get dressed**!
- **Nakedness** and **shame** are parallel in scripture.
- **As long as we are ashamed, we will never go in** because we don’t think we belong in front of the King.
- Backsliding Christians may say, “Who do you think you are? Who gave you the right?”
- Esther put on royal apparel – **she put on CHRIST!**
- Esther put on her **SPIRITUAL WARDROBE**.











- Let me show you what you have to wear!
    1. The three-fold **GARMENTS** of the **HIGH PRIEST**. (Exodus 28)
    2. **WROUGHT GOLD** – His divine nature. (Psalms 45:13; 2 Peter 1:4)
    3. Clothed with **SCARLET**, with His **BLOOD**. (Proverbs 31:21)
    4. Clothed with **SILK** and **PURPLE**, or royalty. (Proverbs 31:22)
    5. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **FAITHFULNESS**. (Isaiah 11:5)
    6. The beautiful garments of **STRENGTH**. (Isaiah 52:1-3)
    7. The garment of **PRAISE**. (Isaiah 61:3)
    8. Garments of **SALVATION**. (Isaiah 61:10)
    9. Clothed with **POWER** from on high. (Luke 24:49)
    10. The **ARMOR of LIGHT**. (Romans 13:11-14)
    11. **INCORRUPTION** and **IMMORTALITY**. (1 Corinthians 15:53-54).
    12. The **NEW MAN**, a new creation. (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10-12)
    13. **LOVE**, the bond of perfectness. (Colossians 3:14)
    14. The **WHOLE ARMOR** of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18).
    15. Clothed with **HUMILITY**. (1 Peter 5:5)
- **Don’t tell me you don’t have nothing to wear!**
- The one who is going in has all this to wear.



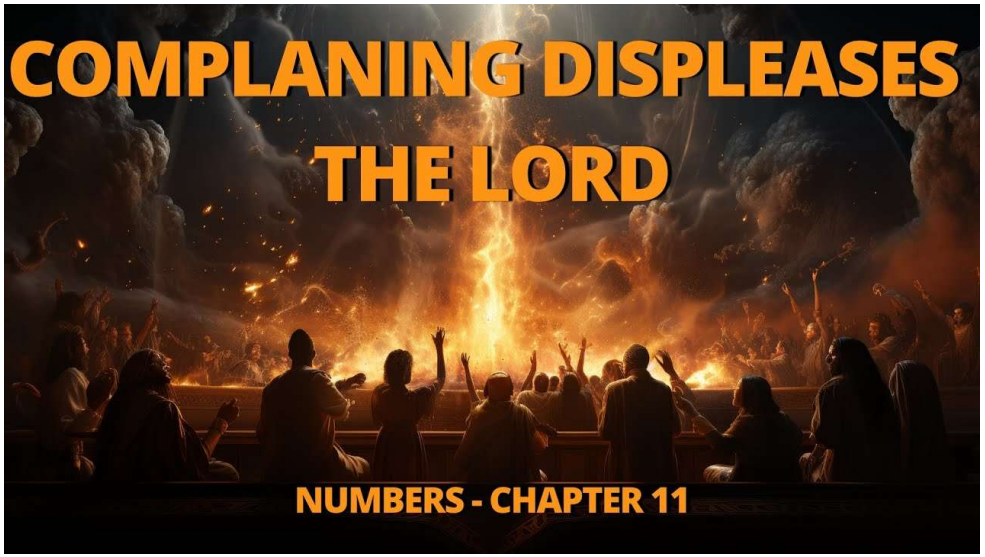






- You may say, “You’re out of your mind.”
- No, I’m out of YOUR mind.
- **We are wearing royal apparel!**
- You may say, I thought I was naked.
- God said to Adam, “**Who told thee that thou *wast* naked**?” Genesis 3:11
- In Luke 22:21, the hand of Judas was on the table.
  - But, behold, **the hand of him that betrayeth me *is* with me on the table**. Luke 22:21
- The heart of John was on the table.
- **Esther STOOD** and **Judas FELL** **(Son of Perdition – John 17:12)** because his hand was on the table.
  - Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, **and stood in the inner court of the king's house**. Esther 5:1
  - Now this man (Judas) purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and **FALLING HEADLONG**, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. Acts 1:18
  - I beheld **Satan** as lightning **FALL** from heaven. Luke 10:18
- **John STOOD** because his heart was on the table and his head was on the heart of Jesus.
  - **The next day after John STOOD**...There was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. John 1:35; 13:23

- The people that **complained and mourned and murmured** displeased the Lord.
- They were in the **uttermost parts of the camp**.
  - And *when* the people **complained**, it **displeased** the LORD: and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed ***them that were*** **in the uttermost parts of the camp**. Numbers 11:1
- **Esther was in the INNER COURT.**
- Do you see the **contrast**?
- Those who **murmur** and **complain do not go in.**
- **Stop** your **moaning**. **Stop** your **complaining**.
- You may say, "You don't understand."
- No, and I don't need to.
  - **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*. 1 Corinthians 10:13



- I’m not making light of what you are going through or have to go through.
- I am not being mean, but after a while we have to **stop it** and **focus on what we are called to do.**
- I have days where I complain. We all complain; some more than others.
- But whenever we do, remember it says in Numbers 11:1 **that the crowd that complained was in the “uttermost parts of the camp.”**
- That means the **extremities**; the **outskirts of the camp**.
- **Some are on the outskirts of His purpose.**
- **Some are on the outskirts of the throne room.**
- They won’t come close to fulfilling their calling.



- The most powerful thing about that verse, it says, when they complained, **“the LORD heard *it***; and his **anger** was kindled; and the **fire** of the LORD burnt among them, and **consumed *them*.”**
- The only thing that will burn that attitud up is the WORD.
  - ***Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD**…Jeremiah 23:29
- We need the **fire of the Holy Ghost** to burn the **complaining** out of us.
- **Bitter water** and **sweet water** cannot come out of the same fountain.
- You cannot curse God or curse men.



- **Esther STOOD** in the **INNER COURT** of WORSHIP, **not in the uttermost parts of the camp** where there is **MURMURING**.
- **We cannot STAND on the OUTSIDE of what God is doing. We have to get INVOLVED!**
- We must be **delivered** from being **CASUAL** and **MEDIOCRE** and become **DOERS of the Word**, and not just **HEARERS only**, **deceiving our own selves**. (Jame 1:22).
- We must **mix the WORD with FAITH**! (Hebrews 4:2)
- In every ministry there are **those who stand on the outside**.
- There are three groups of people described in John 8; the **curious**, the **convinced**, and the **committed**.
- Some people play this game all their lives.
- The **curious** will be **shaken out**. They will be **fainting left and right**.
- In that day, **you will either be in the ark or trying to get in the ark.**
- **You will not have time** to make your consecration.
- To keep from falling, you better make your calling and election sure and understand we are living in a serious time.
    - **Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.** **2** Peter 1:10



- You may ask, “Well do I have time **to go back** to the house of **endurance**?”
- No, **you need six months of myrrh** (sacrifice, suffering) and **six months of sweet spices** (prayers, worship, purity, holiness) **just to get yourself ready.**
- You need **grace**.
- **You need favor ahead of time just so you can come in.**
- “Well, I haven’t done that yet.”
- Why?
- “Well, I’ve had things to do, people to see, places to go, kids to raise, and jobs, and bills, and houses and lands.”
- The reason you were given breath, was so you could come in.
- What is more important to you?
- What are your priorities? Where are your values?
- What’s important to you, Esther?
- The whole nation is praying for you.
- You are holding history in your hands.
- Come on. You don’t have time to fluff and buff. You either have it by now or you don’t.
- You know what is frightening?
- There are teachers all over the nation that should be listening to this instruction and they are **too busy** with their **own agendas.**

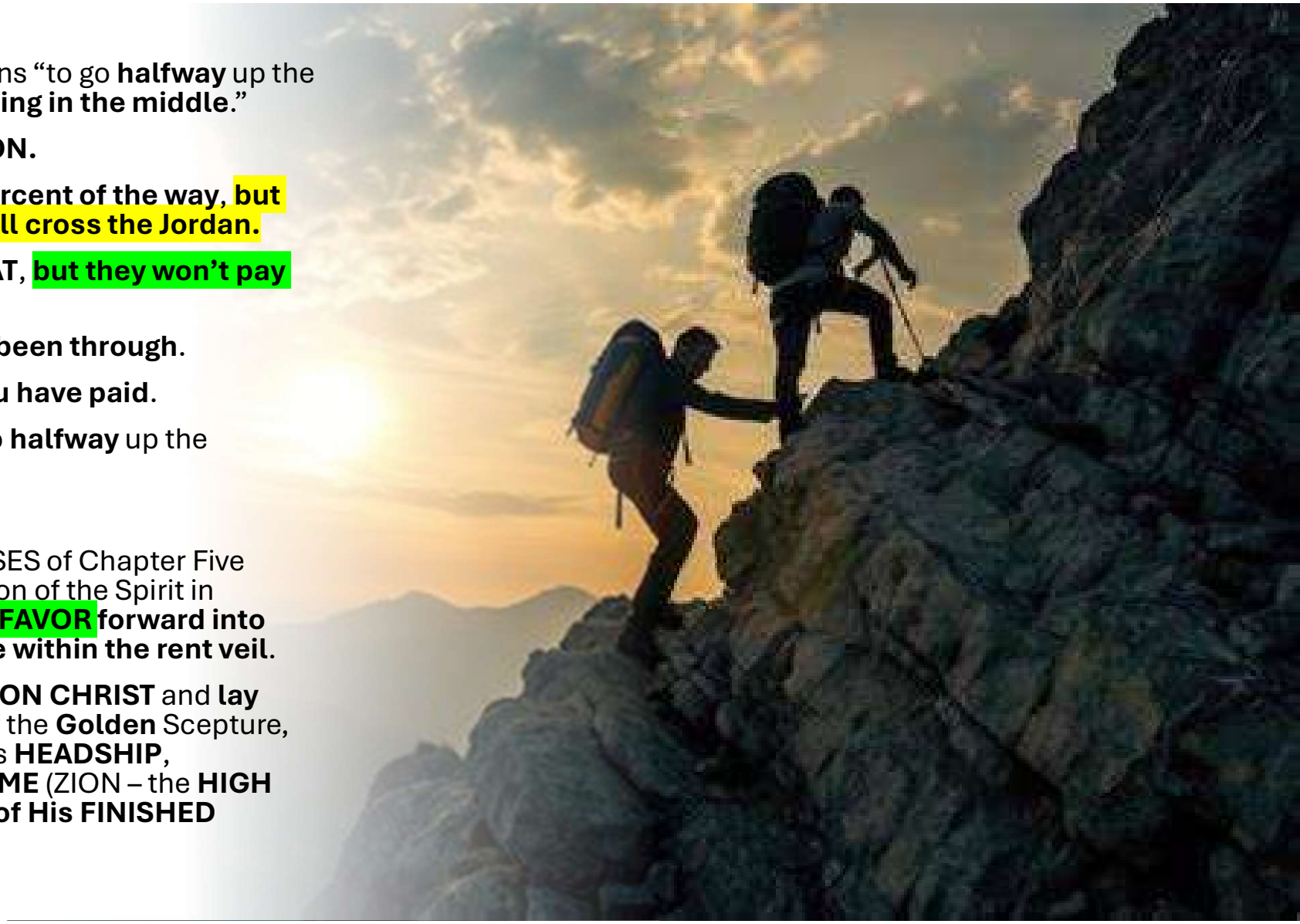




- Right now, we are going through the **myrrh**, and we are going through the **sweet spices.** We are going through the **house of endurance**.
- We are making our **PREPARATION**.
- It's **TRAINING TIME**.
- **If you had not had the hard years and the hard days, you would not be able to stand with wisdom and the glory of the Lord upon you and the anointing.**
- We don't become a Melchizedek priest overnight with **wisdom**, **grace** and **ability**.
- This is not a time to be **casual** or **mediocre**.
  - Now it came to pass on the third day, that **Esther put on *her* royal *apparel***, and **stood** in the **inner court** of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.
  - And it was so, **when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight**: and **the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre** that *was* in his hand. So **Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre**. Esther 5:1-2



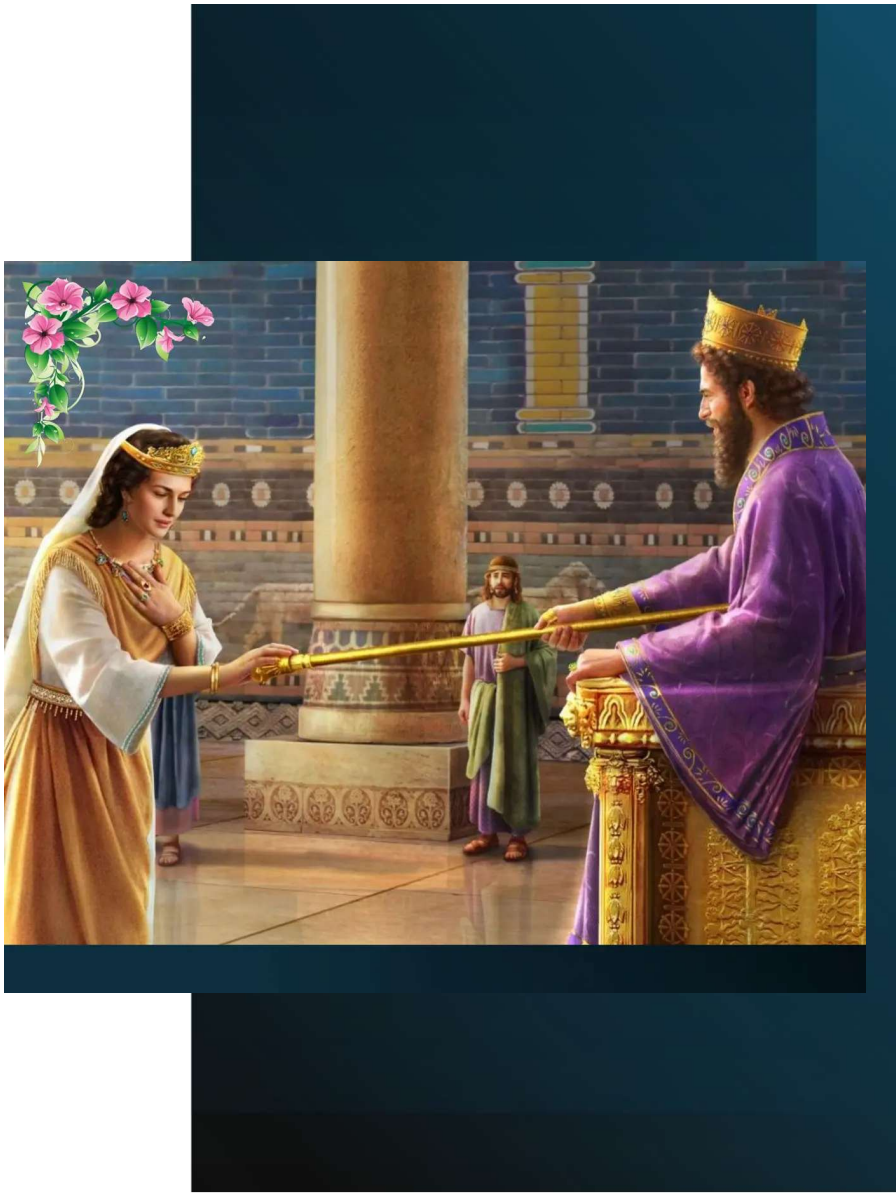
- To be mediocre means “to go **halfway** up the mountain and **stopping in the middle**.”
- **The mountain is ZION.**
- You may go up **50 percent of the way**, **but only the 100-fold will cross the Jordan.**
- Many know the **WHAT**, **but they won’t pay the WHY**.
- Look at all you have **been through**.
- Look at the **price you have paid**.
- What a **tragedy** to go **halfway** up the mountain and **stop**.
- **MEDIOCRICY**
- The FIRST TWO VERSES of Chapter Five describe the operation of the Spirit in **moving a people of FAVOR forward into the Most Holy Place within the rent veil**.
- Someone must **PUT ON CHRIST** and **lay hold of the “TOP”** of the **Golden** Scepture, the **FULLNESS** of His **HEADSHIP**, **AUTHORITY** and **NAME** (ZION – the **HIGH CALLING**), the **fruit of His FINISHED WORK.**



- Someone must **GROW UP** into His **HEADSHIP**.
  - But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, *even* Christ. Ephesians 4:15
- Someone must **lay down their LIVES** to bring **DELIVERANCE** to their **NATION** and the **GROANING CREATION**, to be the **SECOND WITNESS** bringing about the **ESTBLISHING** of the **TRUTH** that **HAMAN'S DECREE**, the **LAW OF SIN AND DEATH**, has been **reversed** and **abolished**!
- That is your priority!
  - And it was so, WHEN THE KING SAW (perceived) ESTHER THE QUEEN STANDING (righteously) in the (inner) COURT, *that* she OBTAINED FAVOR in his SIGHT (eye): and the king HELD OUT to ESTHER the GOLDEN SCEPTER ("rod of gold") that *was* in his HAND. **So ESTHER DREW NEAR** (approached), and TOUCHED the TOP of the SCEPTRE (all kingly authority). Esther 5:2
    - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** Matthew 28:18
- There will be those who **draw near with full assurance of faith** and there will be those who **shrink back in fear under perdition**.



- Right now, you are doing **one of two things**: you are either **drawing near** or **drawing back**.
- Esther **touched – literally lay her hand on** - to **reach the top** of the **golden (DIVINE) scepter (AUTHORITY)** – all the **kingly authority**.
- We can touch Him. **We can touch Him.**
- Listen carefully.
  - So shall the king **greatly desire** (long for or crave) **thy beauty** (or brightness): **for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.** Psalm 45:11
  - **I *am* my beloved's, and his desire** (his stretching out – his longing and craving) ***is* toward me**. Song of Solomon 7:10
- We are the world to Him.
- Do you ever think this way?



- Esther would touch the **top** of the King's **golden scepter**.
- "Top" means "**HEAD**, the **beginning**, **chiefest place**, **excellence**, **first**, **foremost**, **HIGHEST PART**".
- **The TOP of the scepter is JESUS.**
- Who's the **HEAD** of the Church? **JESUS**
- Who said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life**?" Jesus (John 14:6)
- Who said, "**I am the resurrection, and the life**?" Jesus (John 11:25)
- When Esther touched the top of the golden scepter, the Hebrew word means "**to lay the hand on**".
- When she laid **the hand on the top**, **she laid the hand on him**.
- **Somebody is going to go in and lay hold of resurrection life!**
- **Lay hold of HIM, the resurrection, and the life! and His HIGH CALLING**.



- Have you **PRESSED in**?
- Are we content to just **TOUCH the HEM** (the BOTTOM) of His garment, or will we **LAY HOLD of the TOP?**
- This is the upward or heavenly call to **ZION, the HIGH CALLING**.
  - Then said the king unto her, **WHAT WILL THOU, QUEEN ESTHER?** and **WHAT IS THY REQUEST** (petition, desire)? it shall be even **GIVEN** thee (bestowed, granted, delivered up) to **THE HALF** (to split in two) **OF THE KINGDOM**.
- He said, “Honey, I’m so smitten with you. You can have anything. You already have half. You’re the queen. We are joint heirs.”
- When a man loves a woman, everything he has is hers too.
  - **For all things are yours**; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come**; all are yours**; **And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God’s.** 1 Corinthians 3:21-23
  - And Esther answered, If *it* **SEEM GOOD** (pleasing, delightful) unto the **KING**, let the **KING** and **HAMAN** come **THIS DAY** unto the **BANQUET** (feast) that I have **PREPARED** for him. Esther 5:3-4



- Esther's feast was a "**BANQUET OF WINE**", representing the Feast of **PENTECOST** – the **HOLY GHOST** will destroy the **FLESH** (Haman) and cause it to DIE!
- **This is a picture of the END of MAN**
- Esther's wise approach was "**May I have the privilege of SERVING you?"**
- **SHE**, **not the servants**, would prepare the feast.
- **Esther even dared to HONOR the one who had plotted to destroy her people.**
- Amazing grace had given her a **DIVINE STRATEGY**!



- The KING will see to it that **HAMON will obey ESTHER** and **do what she SAYS; He is FOR us**.
    - Then the KING said, **Cause HAMAN to MAKE HASTE** (hurry), that he may **DO as ESTHER hath said. So the KING and HAMAN came to the BANQUET that ESTHER had PREPARED**. Esther 5:5
        - **What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?** Romans 8:31
- There's a repetition in verse six of verse three.
    - And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, **What *is* thy petition**? and it shall be granted thee: and **what *is* thy request**? **even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Esther 5:6**
- **Twice he said it because of his constant consistent desire to bless us**.
- He says, "In case you didn't hear me the first time, what is your request today, brothers and sisters? He loves you. The golden scepter is extended.
- You have put on Christ. You stand face to face.
- He sees you. He loves you.
- "What wilt thou, Queen Esther? What do you want? What do you want to see God do?
    - **Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain**...Zechariah 10:1
- What do you want for your children?



- A **true intercessor** never prays for himself.
- That is powerful.
- A **true intercessor** only prays for others.
- A **true intercessor** isn't busying God for what you need, you took care of that in the house of endurance.
- She wasn't saying, "Oh God, make me worthy. Oh God, I hope you love me. Oh God, is it alright for me to be here."
- A **true intercessor** only prays for others.
  - Then answered ESTHER, and said, **My PETITION and my REQUEST** *is*;
  - If I have FOUND FAVOR in the SIGHT of the KING, and if it PLESE the KING to GRANT (give) my PETITION, and to PERFORM my REQUEST, **let the KING and HAMAN come to the BANQUET that I shall PREPARE for them, and I will DO TOMORROW** as the king hath said (I'll give a straight answer to the king's question.). Esther 5:7-8
- It's time some of us give a straight answer to the king's question.
- The King is asking you, "What do you want?"



- **Faith** cometh by hearing and **hearing by the Word of God**. (Romans 10:17)
- **God is no respecter of persons**. (Acts 10:34)
- If the King did it for Esther, he can do it for you.
- We are so spoiled and pampered.
- We think we know so much scripture and so much truth and so many concepts living on this side of the rent veil.
- **Lord, help us! Help us, Lord!**
- **Pride** goes before **destruction**, a **haughty spirit** before a **fall**. (Proverbs 16:18)
- **Proud** *and* **haughty scorner** *is* his name, **who dealeth in proud wrath**. (Proverbs 21:24)
- **God resists the proud** and **gives grace to the humble**. (James 4:6)
- Many other verses in both testaments **reveal the pride of Hamon, the flesh**.



- Look at what happens in verse 9.
  - Then went **HAMAN** forth that day **JOYFUL** (smiling, merry, glad, gleeful) and with a **GLAD HEART**: but when **HAMAN** saw **MORDECAI** in the **KING'S GATE**, **that he STOOD NOT UP, nor MOVED for him** (agitate with fear, tremble, quiver, quake), **he was FULL of INDIGNATION** (furious) against MORDECAI (oblivious).
  - Nevertheless **HAMAN REFRAINED** himself (contain, to hold back): and when he came **HOME**, he **SENT** and **CALLED** for his **FRIENDS**, and **ZERISH his WIFE** (gold – "the Laodicean church") . Esther 5:9-10
    - **Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Revelation 3:17
- His wife **represents a church who is married to Hamon**, obsessed with a love of money and living in spiritual poverty.
- There are mega churches all over America like that.



- Hamon was at the conventions and gatherings **bragging** about his stuff. He told them of the **glory** and the **splendor** of his riches.
- And **HAMAN TOLD** (recounted, fleshly CONVENTIONS and GATHERINGS) them of the GLORY (weight, splendor) of HIS **RICHES** (accumulated wealth), and the **MULTITUDE** (abundance, number) of, and all *the THINGS* wherein the king had PRO**HIS CHILDREN**MOTED **HIM**, and how he had **ADVANCED** HIM above the **PRINCIES** and **SERVANTS** of the KING.
  - HAMAN said MOREOVER, **Yea, ESTHER the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the BANQUET that she had PREPARED but MYSELF;** and to morrow am I INVITED (called, addressed by name – this was a PRIVILEGE) unto her also with the KING (FLESH wants to be SEEN of men). Esther 5:11-12
- Can you hear it?
  - **Yet all this AVAILETH ME NOTHING (does not satisfy me – benefits me nothing), so long as I SEE MORDECAI the JEW SITTING (remaining) at the KING'S GATE**. Esther 5:13
- Remember Mordecai would not bow down to Haman when he came through the King's gate.

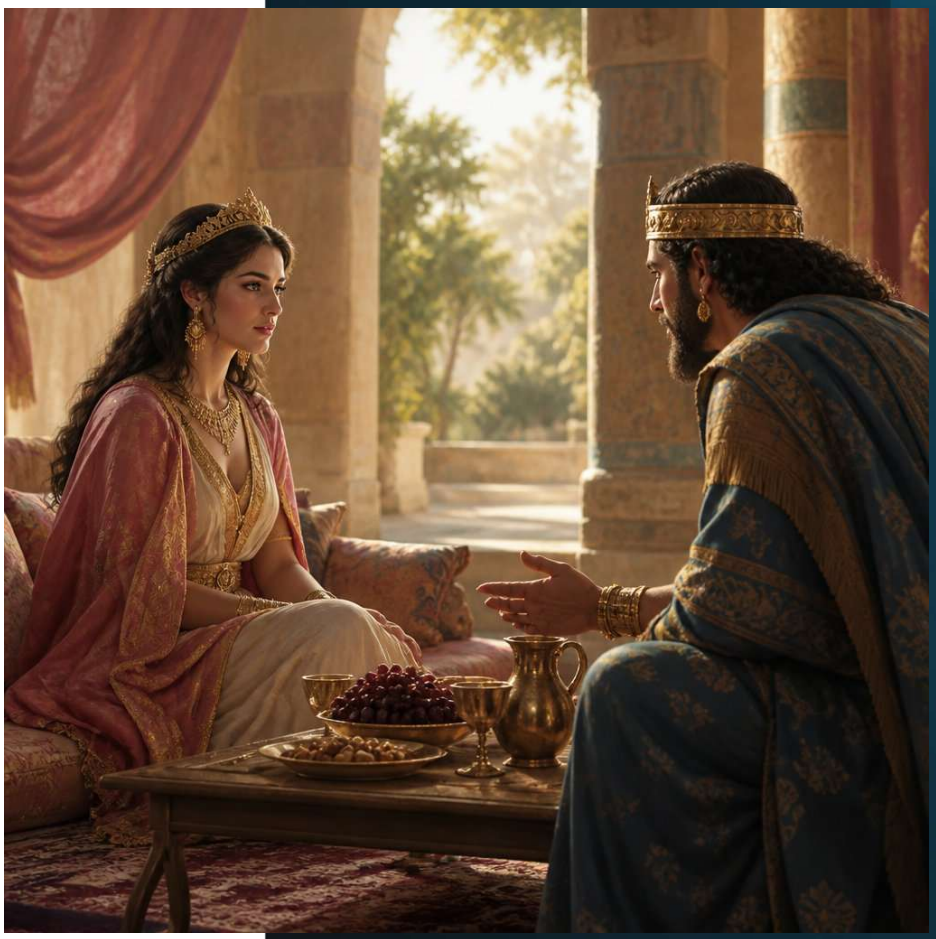


- Then said **ZERESH his wife and all his FRIENDS** unto him, Let a **GALLOWS** be made **of FIFTY cubits high**, and **TO MORROW** speak thou unto the KING that **MORDECAI** may be **HANGED** thereon: then go thou in **MERRILY** with the **KING** unto the **BANQUET**. **And the thing PLEASED HAMAN** (it pleases the FLESH to kill the SPIRIT); **and he caused the GALLOWS to be made.** Esther 5:14

- **50 cubits** pictures the anointing of **Pentecost**.
- **The anointing is going to kill Haman, the flesh, the works of the flesh.**
- **Hanged** refers to **crucified**.
- The Jews were praying that their lives would be spared, but the Lord was about to do **exceeding abundantly ABOVE what they were asking**! (Ephesians 3:20)
- The Lord was about to **REVERSE the DECREE** and let **Mordecai** and **Esther** write a **NEW one.**
- The Jews were about to receive a **DOUBLE RECOMPENSE** – **double for their trouble!**



- Esther, Chapter 5, happened on the **THIRD DAY**.
- On the **THIRD DAY** Esther came and **STOOD upright**, righteous, in the **INNER COURT, FACE to FACE** with the King.
- She put on her **royal attire, her dominion**.
- The King saw her and because she was so beautiful to him, he said, **What wilt thou, Queen Esther?**
- Put **your name** there.
- You are **queens**. **What wilt thou**?
- **What do you want** for your people? For your children and grandchildren? Your family? Your seed?
- Some of you think you are not worthy, that you are not ready to go in.
- That is a separated mindset.



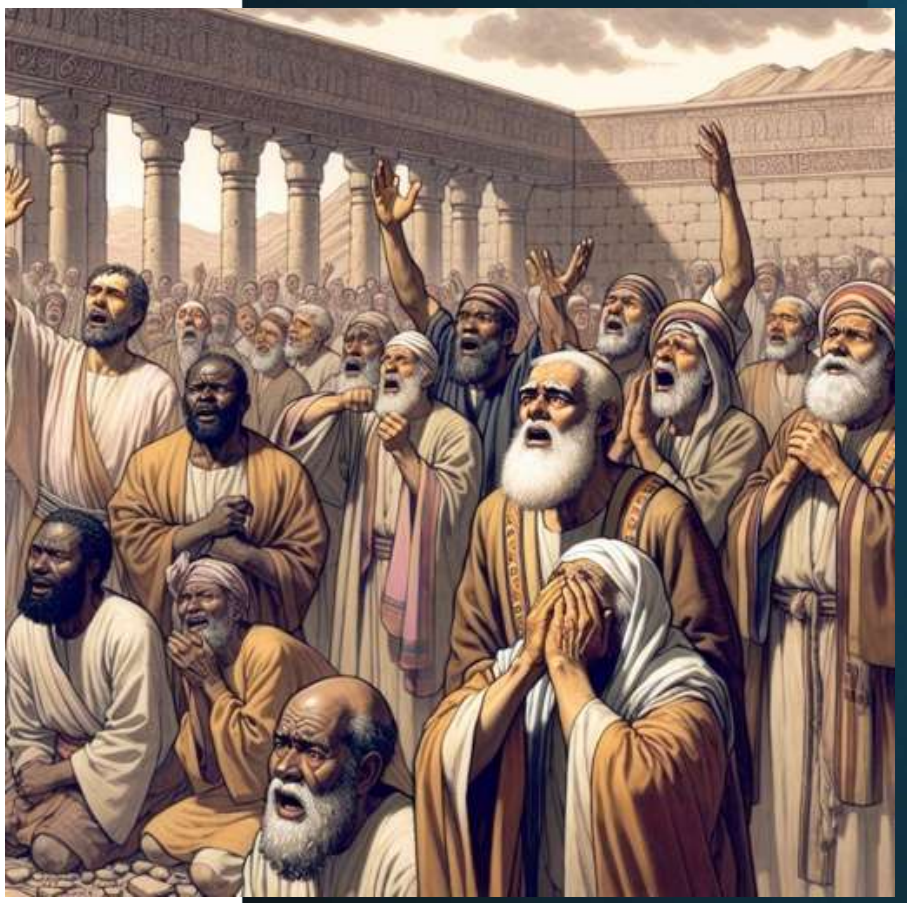
- **What do you want**, Queen Ester?
- Just ask. **Just ask**.
  - For your [former] shame *ye shall have* **double**; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall **possess** the **double**: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
  - **For I the LORD love judgment**, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
  - And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: **all that see them [in their prosperity] shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.** Isaiah 61:7-9
- **Double honor; double portion, double measure.**
- The double portion is the portion of the **firstborn**.
- Hebrews 12 says we are the **Church of the firstborn**.



- You may have had a **double dose of trouble**; some your fault; some not.
- Often, it is just part of the **fellowship of His sufferings**.
- And now Isaiah promises you **DOUBLE FOR YOUR TROUBLE**.
- Some of us hurt in places we don't even know we hurt, and everybody has a story.
- Some of us have **suffered** in ways **no one knows except God**.
- But if I know my God, the time is come to favor Zion.
- The King is in today and he is **waiting for somebody to put on their royal apparel and STAND in the righteousness of God**, in the presence of Almighty God without having a sense of inferiority.
- **What wilt thou, Queen Esther?**
- The **golden scepter** is being held out to you.



- You may say, “If I speak out, **I may sound like a fool** to others.”
- But if your heart is **desperate**, you **don’t care** what others think.
- “But my request is so strange, it is so outlandish, so outrageous.”
- It’s ok. We are family and **we will stand in faith and agreement with you**.
- **We will believe God with you**.
- If you need to call a fast and prayer time, **we will pray for you.**
- **We will join as a corporate body to support you as you go before the King.**
- **Know that when you reach out and lay hold of the golden scepter, the head of the body, Christ; when you lay hold of HIM, know that he is the King who sees you and loves you.**



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