

God is on the move part 4: coming before the king

Esther 5

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Presenting

Esther 5:1 *On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace.*

Esther 4:14 *For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And **who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?***"

Psalms 31:14–15 *But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Proverbs 21:1 *The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.*

2 Timothy 4:18 *The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Pleasure

Esther 5:2 *And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, **she won favor in his sight**, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.*

Psalms 84:11b... *the LORD bestows favor and honor.*

Esther 5:3 *And the king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.”*

Petition

Esther 5:4 *And Esther said, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king.”*

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Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

Esther 5:5–8 *Then the king said, “Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked.” So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. ⁶ And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, “What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ⁷ Then Esther answered, “My wish and my request is: ⁸ If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said.”*

Plot

Esther 5:9 *And Haman went out that day **joyful and glad of heart**. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king’s gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, **he was filled with wrath** against Mordecai.*

Esther 5:10 *Nevertheless, Haman **restrained** himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh.*

Esther 5:11 *And Haman recounted to them **the splendor of his riches**, the number of **his sons**, all the **promotions with which the king had honored him**, and **how he had advanced him** above the officials and the servants of the king.*

Esther 5:12 *Then Haman said, “Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king.*

Esther 5:13 ***Yet all this is worth nothing to me**, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate.”*

James 3:13–18 *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

Esther 5:14 *Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, “Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast.” This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.*

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Romans 8:31–39 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

