



BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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Focus: Esther – Positioned for Purpose

Week 4: Divine Reversal – When God Turns the Tables

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Introduction: In Esther 6–7, God begins to reveal what He has been orchestrating all along. While Esther and Mordecai remain faithful, God moves through what seems like coincidence to bring about a *divine reversal*. There's no thunder, no fire, and no visible miracle, just a sleepless king and a perfect setup. The same gallows that Haman built for Mordecai became the instrument of his own destruction. **God specializes in flipping the script.**

Theological Insights & Tensions

1. The Hidden Providence of God

Providence is God's invisible hand weaving visible outcomes, aligning human decisions with divine purpose. The sleepless king, the timing of the banquet, and the reading of the royal record all reveal that God is at work in unseen ways.

Key Thought: Divine silence is not divine stillness.

Supporting Scriptures: Romans 8:28; Psalm 37:23; Colossians 1:17

2. Divine Reversal – הָפָךְ (*Haphak*)

The Hebrew word *haphak* means “to turn, overturn, or reverse.” God flips situations, exposes injustice, and transforms tragedy into triumph. The gallows Haman built became the instrument of his own judgment.

Key Thought: God's power doesn't just protect His people. God's power promotes through reversal.

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 50:20; Deuteronomy 23:5; Isaiah 61:3

3. God's Remembrance – זָכַר (*Zakar*)

In Hebrew, “to remember” means to act. When God remembers, He moves.

Key Thought: God never forgets righteousness, even when others do.

Supporting Scriptures: Exodus 2:24; Psalm 105:8; Hebrews 6:10

4. Divine Justice and Mercy in Tension

Haman's judgment shows justice; Esther's rise reveals mercy. God's justice restores righteousness; His mercy redeems the humble.

In Christ, God doesn't ignore sin (**justice**), and He doesn't destroy sinners (**mercy**). He absorbed sin's cost. That's the divine pattern we glimpse in *Esther 7*:

† Judgment on evil (Haman)

† Mercy and deliverance for the faithful (Esther and her people)

Key Thought: God's justice is not revenge. It is restoration in action.

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 89:14; Micah 6:8; Romans 12:19, **Micah 7:18, Romans 3:25-26**

1. God Works Behind the Scenes (Esther 6:1–3)

Main Idea: *God moves quietly through ordinary moments to accomplish extraordinary plans.*

Teaching Points:

- The king's sleepless night was not coincidence. It was **providence**.
- God used a restless king to open a forgotten record at the perfect time.
- Mordecai's good deed was overlooked by people but remembered by God.
- Providence is the divine coordination of human choices and divine purposes.

Takeaway Truth:

God's silence is not absence; His stillness is strategy.

Supporting Scriptures: Esther 6:1–3; Psalm 121:4; Philippians 1:6

2. God Honors the Faithful in His Time (Esther 6:4–11)

Main Idea: *God's timing for recognition and reward is always perfect.*

Teaching Points:

- Haman arrived early to destroy Mordecai, but God interrupted his plan.
- The same man plotting Mordecai's death was forced to honor him publicly.
- Faithfulness may be forgotten by people, but never by Heaven.
- Providence schedules recognition for the moment it most glorifies God.

Takeaway Truth:

Faithfulness is never wasted; God rewards integrity in His time.

Supporting Scriptures: Galatians 6:9; Psalm 75:6–7; Hebrews 6:10

3. God Reveals What's Hidden (Esther 7:1–6)

Main Idea: *Wisdom and discernment help us move in God's timing for deliverance.*

Teaching Points:

- Esther waited for the right time to speak. Wisdom guided her timing.
- Discernment is knowing *when* to act as much as knowing *what* to do.
- Esther exposed truth at the moment God had prepared the king's heart.
- Some battles are won through silence, patience, and prayer.

Takeaway Truth:

Discernment is the bridge between faith and breakthrough.

Supporting Scriptures: James 1:5; Proverbs 3:5–6; Ecclesiastes 3:7

4. God Turns the Enemy's Plan into His People's Promotion (Esther 7:7–10)

Main Idea: *God's justice not only delivers His people. It reverses the story.*

Teaching Points:

- The gallows Haman built for Mordecai became his own downfall.
- God doesn't just stop evil. He reverses it.
- Every trap built against God's people becomes a testimony of His power.
- Divine justice is not revenge; it's restoration and vindication.
- God always has the final say.

Takeaway Truth:

God's justice turns suffering into strength and opposition into opportunity.

Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 54:17; Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:31

Reflection Questions

1. Where have you seen God work quietly but powerfully in your life?
2. Why is it hard to trust God's timing when you've been faithful for a long time?
3. How does this story help you redefine what divine justice looks like?
4. Where have you seen God do a divine reversal in scripture or in your life?