

*Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*  
Current Book: The Book of Esther – Message 10

**2016 VISION: Faithful in little things!**

**Scriptures for Today: Esther 8:1-17 – Esther Pleads for Her People; Mordecai and Jews Exalted**

**Title of Today’s Message: The Gift of God – God’s way of salvation from the irreversible Law!**

## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw how God **TURNS** the tables on the **WICKED** for His glory! Esther made her **request** known to the king, and he was shocked to discover that *wicked* Haman was **THE ADVERSARY** and **ENEMY!** The king gave his command to hang Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. The enemy was taken in his **OWN** wicked devices. Today, we will learn that although the adversary was defeated, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the king continues to be in full force! The Jews are bound for impending doom and destruction unless God provides for them a \_\_\_\_\_ of escape. The king’s decree could \_\_\_\_\_ be reversed – that is true. However, the king tells Esther and Mordecai to **write another decree** that would \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews! This story has an incredible ending today...

## PREACHING NOTES

**1. Historical Application** – all Scripture is historically \_\_\_\_\_. It happened as the Bible says.

A. Esther went *again* **before the king without being called** to **PLEAD** on behalf of the Jews.

Esther 8:5                    *“And said, If IT PLEASE the king, and if I have FOUND FAVOUR in his sight, and the thing seem RIGHT before the king, and I be PLEASING in his eyes, LET it be written...”*

NOTE                    This second time that Esther comes without being called, we see her coming more boldly to the throne with confidence that the king will accept her prayers and help her people.

B. The king’s **written word could not be reversed**. **A NEW writing had to be written** by Mordecai.

Esther 8:8                    *“WRITE ye also **for the Jews, as it liketh you**, in the king’s name, and seal it with the king’s ring: for the writing which is WRITTEN in the king’s NAME, and SEALED with the king’s RING, MAY NO MAN REVERSE.”*

NOTE                    The written law of the king could not be reversed. Once it was written and sealed with the king’s ring, it could not be changed. The only solution was to write a new decree to save.

C. Mordecai was **greatly honoured** and **the Jews had LIGHT, and gladness, and joy, and honour**.

Esther 8:15                    *“And **Mordecai went out from the presence of the king** in ROYAL APPAREL of blue and white, and with a GREAT CROWN of gold, and with a GARMENT of FINE LINEN and purple: and **the city of Shushan REJOICED** and was GLAD.”*

NOTE                    Mordecai is being honoured with position and authority under the king. Before, he was honoured briefly while being paraded through the streets. Now, he is #2 in the kingdom.

D. Whithersoever **the king’s word came** the Jews rejoiced – and **many people BECAME Jews!**

Esther 8:17                    *“And in **every province**, and in **every city**, WHITHERSOEVER the king’s commandment and his decree CAME, the Jews had JOY and GLADNESS, a FEAST and a GOOD DAY. And **many of the people of the land BECAME JEWS**; for **the fear of the Jews fell upon them**.”*

NOTE                    What a thing it is to see events turn for good! It is so evident to the people of the land that God’s blessing and favour was upon His people that *many* CHOSE to worship Almighty God.

## 2. Doctrinal Application – there is *prophetic truth* and **key** \_\_\_\_\_ to be **learned** in Scripture.

- A. During the Tribulation Period, **the Jews will pray to God** for help to overcome the Antichrist.

Hebrews 4:16      *“Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

NOTE      The Jews will pray, and God will hide them in the wilderness in a special place (Rev 12:6)

- B. During the Tribulation Period, **the Jews will find Jesus (the Word) and His New Testament**.

Revelation 12:17      *“... which keep the commandments of God, and **HAVE THE TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ.**”*

NOTE      As the Jews face peril and doom, a remnant will find God’s way of escape – Jesus Christ!

- C. During the Tribulation Period, **the Jews will be honoured** and have LIGHT, joy and gladness!

Romans 11:15, 26      *“And **so all Israel shall be saved**: AS IT IS WRITTEN, There shall come...THE DELIVERER”*

NOTE      Can you imagine the Jews on THAT DAY when they find Christ and safety in God’s Word?!

- D. During the Millennial reign of Christ, **King Jesus will rule over all the earth from Jerusalem**.

Isaiah 9:6-7      *“**For unto us a child is born** ... and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called *Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end ...”**

NOTE      When King Jesus is chief Ruler, He will have charge of all the devil’s property and people.

## 3. Devotional Application – all Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ for us and must be **applied to our lives**.

- A. We ought to come to God (our King) and **ask according to His will** – *humbly, accepted, pleasing*.

1 John 3:22      *“And **whatsoever** we ASK, we receive of him, **because** we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and DO those things that are PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.”*

NOTE      When was the last time you came boldly to God in prayer? Do you ask according to His will?

- B. The written Law of God cannot be reversed – **all are guilty** – but God provided a way of escape!

John 14:6      *“Jesus saith unto him, I AM **THE WAY**, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: **no man cometh unto the Father, but BY ME.**”*

Romans 6:23      *“The wages of sin is DEATH; but **THE GIFT** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

NOTE      You were doomed to perish by God’s mighty Law. But, God gave you a CHOICE to be saved.

- C. We **were** sometimes darkness, but **now** are we **LIGHT in the Lord**: walk as children of LIGHT.

Matthew 5:16      *“Let your LIGHT so shine before men, **that they may see your good works**, and GLORIFY YOUR FATHER which is in heaven.”*

NOTE      God blesses the earth when His people obey Him. Do you HAVE gladness and joy in Christ?

- D. God **has always wanted to use** His CHURCH and His WORD to bring MANY lost people to Christ!

Acts 9:31      *“Then had the CHURCHES **rest** throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and WALKING in the FEAR of the Lord, and in the COMFORT of the Holy Ghost, were **MULTIPLIED.**”*

NOTE      As the Word of God brings salvation to your life, MANY who know you should trust Christ because of your changed life – and your gospel preaching out of love for your Saviour!