

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: The Book of Esther – Message 9

2016 VISION: Faithful in little things!

Scriptures for Today: Esther 7:1-10 – Esther’s Banquet for the King; Haman is Hanged

Title of Today’s Message: The Adversary’s End – *The God of peace shall bruise Satan shortly!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw **God at work** as the king – on *the third night* of prayer and fasting – was not able to **SLEEP!** After having the book of records read to him, the king chose to honour Mordecai for saving his life. We ended chapter six with Haman’s wife and friends predicting his **FALL** at the hands of God’s people. And *while they were yet talking*, the chamberlains came to take Haman to Esther’s banquet. Today, we will see how God _____ the tables on the _____ for His glory! Esther will make her **request** known to the king, and he will be shocked to discover that *wicked* Haman is **THE ADVERSARY** and _____! The king in his wrath will arise and go to the palace garden while Haman _____ upon Esther’s couch to plead for his life. When the king finds him there, the Bible says, *“As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.”* Haman will be hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. The enemy will be taken in his _____ wicked devices...

PREACHING NOTES

1. Esther makes her _____ known to the king **exposing Haman as *the adversary* and *enemy!***

- ✓ On the second day at the banquet, the **king asked Esther again** for her petition and request.

Esther 3:15

“And the king and Haman sat down to drink: but the city Shushan was perplexed.”

Esther 5:6

“What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? ...”

John 16:24

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ASK, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full”

NOTE

It is interesting to note that the king had to prompt Esther the second time although he had already made it clear that he was **READY TO ANSWER HER PRAYER!** Sometimes, we need to be reminded by Jesus to **ASK!** God is ready to help. We should ask that we might receive.

- ✓ Esther’s **petition** was to **SAVE HER LIFE...**

Esther 4:13

“Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king’s house, more than all the Jews.”

Esther 4:16

“and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.”

Esther 2:17

“And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour...”

NOTE

Esther had already put her life on the line for her people without being called. But, not even the king’s palace could protect her from Haman’s plan. It was her petition that must have arrested the king’s attention. What?!?! Who would **DARE** to take **MY queen’s LIFE!!**

- ✓ Esther’s **request** was to **SAVE HER PEOPLE...**

Esther 2:20

“Esther had not yet shewed her kindred NOR HER PEOPLE; as Mordecai had charged her”

Esther 3:8

“And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is A CERTAIN PEOPLE scattered abroad...”

Esther 3:13

“And the letters were sent...to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, ALL JEWS...”

Exodus 3:10

“I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth MY PEOPLE ... out of Egypt”

NOTE

This was the reason Esther was come to the kingdom – **FOR SUCH A TIME!** Consider that Haman had never told the king it was **THE JEWS** he planned to exterminate – which is why the king honoured Mordecai **AS A JEW** with no thought. God used all this to move the king!

- ✓ Esther said, **THE ADVERSARY** and **ENEMY** is *this* **WICKED** Haman.

Luke 10:18	<i>"And he said unto them, I beheld SATAN <u>as lightning fall from heaven.</u>"</i>
Luke 22:31	<i>"Simon, Simon, behold, SATAN <u>hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat...</u>"</i>
1 Peter 5:8	<i>"Be sober, be vigilant; because your ADVERSARY <u>the devil</u>, as a roaring lion, walketh about, <u>seeking whom he may devour</u>"</i>
2 Corinthians 2:11	<i>"Lest SATAN should get an advantage of us: <u>for we are not ignorant of his devices.</u>"</i>
2 Corinthians 4:4	<i>"In whom the god of this world hath BLINDED THE MINDS of <u>them which believe not</u>, lest the LIGHT of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, <u>should shine in unto them.</u>"</i>
2 Corinthians 11:14	<i>"And no marvel; for SATAN himself is <u>transformed into an angel of light.</u>"</i>
1 Thessalonians 2:18	<i>"...but SATAN hindered us."</i>
2 Thessalonians 2:9	<i>"...after the working of SATAN with all power and signs and <u>lying wonders.</u>"</i>
1 Timothy 5:15	<i>"For <u>some are already turned aside after SATAN.</u>"</i>
Revelation 2:9-13	<i>"...but are the synagogue of SATAN...where SATAN's seat is...where SATAN dwelleth."</i>

NOTE The name Satan means "adversary." Webster's 1828 defines adversary as "an enemy or foe; an opponent or antagonist, as in a suit of law, or in single combat." He is the ENEMY of God's people – both Jews and the Church – and all that is godly on planet earth. He is the great villain of souls as he seeks to keep people from saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And, he is YOUR adversary and enemy! He accuses you to God and accuses God to you!!

2. When Haman was **exposed by the queen**, the _____ of the king brought **his swift destruction**.

- ✓ The Bible says that **Haman was afraid** before the king and the queen.

Proverbs 10:24	<i>"The fear of the wicked, <u>it shall come upon him...</u>"</i>
Proverbs 1:26	<i>"I also will <u>laugh at your calamity</u>; I will mock when your fear cometh;"</i>

NOTE There are some who say they are not afraid of God or His judgment to come. The Bible records that the fear of the wicked shall come upon him. And, the Bible has never lied.

- ✓ As **the word went out of the king's mouth**, they covered Haman's face.

Revelation 19:15	<i>"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, <u>that with IT he should smite the nations...</u>"</i>
Hebrews 4:12	<i>"For the word of God is <u>quick</u>, and <u>powerful</u>, and SHARPER than any twoedged SWORD..."</i>

NOTE The WORD OF GOD will judge all those who opposed Almighty God while living on planet earth. It is interesting that, all through history, those to be hanged have had their heads covered before the event. The king's WORDS brought judgment and death to his enemy!

- ✓ So **they hanged Haman** (THE ADVERSARY) on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.

Psalms 9:15-17	<i>"The wicked in his pride...let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. <u>The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God.</u>"</i>
Genesis 3:14-15	<i>"And the LORD God said unto the serpent...<u>thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head...</u>"</i>
Romans 16:20	<i>"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan <u>under your feet shortly.</u>"</i>
Revelation 20:10	<i>"And THE DEVIL that deceived them was CAST into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast, and the false prophet are, and <u>shall be TORMENTED day and night for ever and ever.</u>"</i>

NOTE Now that is TURNING THE TABLES on the adversary of God and His people! What a thing it is to know the END of the story! Just as Haman was destroyed in Esther, our King Jesus will destroy SATAN for ever and ever. What a story! Satan had deceived us and was keeping us from seeing the LIGHT of the gospel – you might say we were "doomed to perish" in a literal hell. BUT GOD rescued us through Christ the Saviour! Satan may cause us much pain and grief in this short life, but we win in the end! And, he will get what he deserves in his end!