

Seeing God

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in the Shadows

Week Six

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Esther 6:1-13

# PLOT TWIST

ESTHER 6:1-13      ESV

<sup>1</sup> On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. <sup>2</sup> And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. <sup>3</sup> And the king said, "What honour or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's young men who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."



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<sup>4</sup> And the king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. <sup>5</sup> And the king's young men told him, “Haman is there, standing in the court.” And the king said, “Let him come in.” <sup>6</sup> So Haman came in, and the king said to him, “What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honour?” And Haman said to himself, “Whom would the king delight to honour more than me?”



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<sup>7</sup> And Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king delights to honour, <sup>8</sup> let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. <sup>9</sup> And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honour, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour.’”



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<sup>10</sup> Then the king said to Haman, “Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned.” <sup>11</sup> So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, “Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour.”



“The greatest nightmare of the approval addict is **rejection**; of the power addict, **humiliation**; of the comfort addict, **suffering**; and of the control addict, **uncertainty.**”

**TIM KELLER**



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<sup>12</sup> Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. <sup>13</sup> And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him."





# 1. God is in control

1 PETER 5:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you



# 1. God is in control

PROVERBS 21:1 ESV

<sup>1</sup> The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.



“My life is but a weaving, between my God and  
me. I cannot choose the colours He weaveth  
steadily.

Oft’ times He weaveth sorrow; And I in foolish  
pride, Forget He sees the upper, And I the  
underside.

Not ’til the loom is silent, And the shuttles cease to  
fly, Will God unroll the canvas. And reveal the  
reason why.



The dark threads are as needful, in the weaver's  
skilful hand, as the threads of gold & silver, in the  
pattern He has planned

He knows, He loves, He cares; nothing this truth  
can dim, He gives the very best to those, who  
leave the choice to Him.”

**CORRIE TEN BOOM**



## 2. God is not late

1 PETER 5:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God **so that at the proper time** he may exalt you



# 3. God opposes the proud, and gives grace to the humble

1 PETER 5:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you



# THE LOW PLACE

## ISAIAH 57:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”



# THE LOW PLACE

LUKE 14:7-11 ESV

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.





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LUKE 14:7-11 ESV

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.<sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



# THE LOW PLACE

1 PETER 5:6-7 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

