

Esther 5

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- I. Notice some parallels between the Esther story and the _____ story.

1. “On the 3rd day”

(Esther 5:1) (Genesis 40:20)

2. “Day after day, but refused”

(Esther 3:4) (Genesis 39:10)

3. “Appointed commissioners through the land ... the plan seemed good”

(Esther 2:3-4) (Genesis 41:34-37)

4. Both stories highlight the _____ of God.

5. Both stories’ main characters are young and very attractive which makes them _____.

6. Both stories are set in a _____ to the main character.

7. In both stories the main character is placed in a _____ not of their choice.

8. Both Joseph and Esther rise from a _____ position to a _____ position of authority.

9. Both Joseph and Esther hide their _____ for a time.

10. Both stories involve a _____ that is critical in the story.

11. Both stories feature a high-ranking official who is put to _____ by _____

12. In both stories the main character is the instrument that God uses to _____ the Jews.

❖ This teaches us that God is the _____ of the Bible and that he sovereignly and providentially works his purposes and plans through _____.

II. Good qualities in Esther that ought to be in us:

1. Esther showed _____
_____.

(Esther 4:15-16)

“So, he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

2. Esther showed a _____ to be
_____ by God.

(Esther 4:14)

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

3. Esther showed _____ in the face of difficulty.

(Esther 4:16)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually

immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 21:8 (NIV)

4. Esther showed _____ and _____ to the spirit.

(Esther 5:1)

III. We often don’t know God’s providence or the reasons for the leanings of our heart but if we are looking to God, we can _____ him!

(Esther 5:7-9)

IV. Pride leads to a _____.

(Esther 5:9-13)

““Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

Matthew 5:43-45 (NIV)

V. Our response to others reveals a lot about

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