

“The Gospel According to Esther”

Esther 8

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I. Here we see the principle of _____ and _____.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, “A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman’s house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king. The king said, “Hang him on it!” So, they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king’s fury subsided.”

Esther 7:9-10 (NIV)

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

II. Nothing is _____ with God.

(Esther 8:1-2)

“For nothing is impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37 (NIV)

“I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

Jeremiah 32:27 (NIV)

“Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Genesis 18:14 (NIV)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

III. Esther approached the King with _____ and _____.

“Esther again pleaded with the king, falling at his feet and weeping. She begged him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the Agagite, which he had devised against the Jews. Then the king extended the gold scepter to Esther, and she arose and stood before him. “If it pleases the king,” she said, “and if he regards me with favor and thinks it the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman son of Hamedatha, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king’s provinces.”

Esther 8:3-5 (NIV)

❖ When we approach the _____, we should come before him with passion and humility.

IV. Esther’s request of the King centered around _____.

“For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?”

Esther 8:6 (NIV)

❖ Our concern should be for the _____ and _____ around us.

“I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race,”

Romans 9:1-3 (NIV)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

V. A new decree was issued that could _____ the old decree.

"King Xerxes replied to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his estate to Esther, and they have hanged him on the gallows he set up. Now write another decree in the king's name on behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring—for no document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked."

Esther 8:7-8 (NIV)

(Esther 8:11-12)

- ❖ The first decree brought death, hopelessness and sadness but the 2nd decree brought _____ and _____ and _____ and _____.

"A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies... For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor.

Esther 8:13, 16 (NIV)

- ❖ There is a law of sin and death that is against us all, but Jesus Christ has written a new law in his blood that overrides the 1st law!

The old law says:

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

"For the wages of sin is death"

Romans 6:23a (NIV)

The new law says:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

"having canceled the written code, with its regulations , that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2:14 (NIV)

(Esther 8:11)

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—"

John 1:12 (NIV)

VI. We should _____ in getting out the good news of the gospel.

(Esther 8:9-10)

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work."

John 9:4 (NIV)

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

VIII. When we are obedient to spread the good news many people will be _____.

"there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating. And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them."

Esther 8:17b (NIV)

"praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:47 (NIV)