

1. GOING DEEPER

Esther 7:1-10

1) a) What was the king seeking to convey to Esther in verse 2, when he asked her to share with him her "wish" and her "request"?

b) With reference to scripture verses, what assurance do we have from the Bible that God hears our requests?

c) If we know that God hears us when we call to him, what are some of the situations that might hinder us as believers today from making our requests to God.

2) a) What assurance do we have from scripture that God not only hears but also responds to our cries for His intervention in our situations?

b) God sometimes responds to our requests by denying us or by delaying what we have asked for. Explain with reference to scripture why God might respond in each of these two ways?

c) Describe what a mature response to God's denials or delays looks like.

3 a) What divine reversals can we see occurring in the life of Haman in Esther chapter 7?

b) What does Esther chapter 7 teach us about the ultimate fate of those who plan the demise of others?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

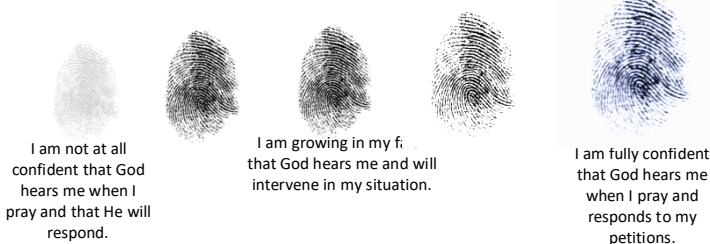
1) How confident are you that God hears and answers your prayers?

2) In what ways can you improve in your attitude as you wait on God?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week?

_____. I will ask _____ to hold me accountable in this.

Key Verse

John 15:7 (ESV)

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Sermon Main Points

Sermon Highlights

Since we are confident that God hears and answers prayers, we must:

- 🕒 Let our requests be made known to God.
- 🕒 Wait patiently on God's response.

- 🕒 God Is always when things don't seem to be going our way.
- 🕒 God is calling us to an attitude of prayerfulness, not just a time of prayer.
- 🕒 Crying out to God Is an admission that we cannot solve our problems on our own and that we are dependent upon Him.
- 🕒 We don't always receive what we want when we pray, but we can have the assurance that God always answers.
- 🕒 The word wait in the Bible carries the idea of confident expectation and hope.

5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

Day 1

Psalm 7:14-17

What I learned (observation / interpretation):

How I will Respond (application):

Day 2

Psalm 66:16-20

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 3

Isaiah 40:30-31

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 4

Matthew 7:7-11

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 5

1 John 5:14-15

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Inductive Bible Study Method



Observation (What does the text say?)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. Ask yourself the five W's and H: (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



Interpretation (What does the text mean?)

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- 🕒 What is the **main theme** and what is the **meaning** of key words;
- 🕒 Examine **cross references**
- 🕒 Compare **translations**
- 🕒 **Summarize** the text
- 🕒 **Use** commentaries (last resort)



Application (How should this affect Me?)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?"

Seek to identify if there are - **Sins** to confess; **Promises** to claim; **Examples** to follow; **Actions** to obey or **Knowledge** to grow in.

For best results, this content should be read and prepared privately and then discussed in your small group or with family / friends.
We were not created to do life alone - get engaged today.

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