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- God **never** sleeps. He is always **watching** & **accomplishing** His will.
- An **insignificant** moment?
- Mordecai is also **providentially placed**.
- This means that it was **God** who saved Xerxes.
- A big **oversight**.

2. A long overdue honor?

- God's timing is perfect, on time, & never late.
- I'm sure Mordecai initially felt slighted.
- Pride is a heinous affront to our holy God.
- Pride contends for sovereignty.

3. Never saw that coming!

- What we want for ourselves, we should want for others. The script is now fully flipped!
- The most reluctant act of obedience ever.
- Imagine Mordecai's shock & surprise.
- A **total reversal** of Haman's earlier visit home.

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