



ESTHER: *God's silent sovereignty*

Esther 5-6

Introduction

The story

A chaperoned date

A devious plan

Poetic Justice

Lessons from our story

1. Esther and Mordecai: A portrait of the believer

- Persecution will come
 - ❖ John 15:18-20—*If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.*
- We will at times falter
 - ❖ John 13:37—*I will lay down my life for you.*
 - ❖ 2 Corinthians 12:7—*So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited*

2. Haman: A portrait of the wicked world

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- ❖ John 16:33—*In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.*

3. God's silent sovereignty

- ❖ Proverbs 21:1—*The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.*