



ESTHER: *God's silent sovereignty*

Esther 2:1-18

Introduction

The story

A lustful king

A torn man

A compromising young woman

Answering our questions

1. **Is the relationship between Esther and Ahasuerus really the beautiful, godly romance that movies often portray it to be?**
2. **Is Mordecai really the pious faithful man that movies portray him to be?**
3. **Is Esther a really godly young woman (at least at this point in our story)?**
 - ❖ Daniel 1:8—*resolved that he would not defile himself with the king 's food, or with the wine that he drank*
 - ❖ Daniel 1:9—*God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs*
 - ❖ Proverbs 16:7—*When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him*

Lessons from our story

1. **God will use sinners and their sin to accomplish his glorious purposes**
 - ❖ Genesis 50:20—*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*
 - ❖ Acts 2:23—*this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*
2. **This truth is meant for our encouragement!**
 - ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:9-10—*For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain*
3. **This truth does not give us permission to sin!**
 - ❖ Romans 6:1-2—*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*