

“We Reap What We Sow”
Esther: Living for God in a Godless Culture (Lesson #7)
(Esther 7; Galatians 6:7)

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1. We reap what we sow. (Esther 7:1-6; Gal 6:7)

- Haman didn't name his nemesis at first;
Esther didn't name her nemesis at first.
 - Haman was angry towards Mordecai;
Xerxes was angry towards Haman.
 - Haman was easily offended by Mordecai;
Xerxes was easily offended by Haman.
- ⇒ The principle of the seed: Plants bear according to their kinds. (Gen 1:12)
- ⇒ Personally: What kinds of seeds am I sowing?

2. We reap more than we sow. (6-10; Gal 6:8)

- Haman called the Jews “different” and “disobedient”;
Esther called Haman “vile,” “adversary” and “enemy.”
 - Mordecai covered his clothes with dirt;
Haman's face was covered with cloth.
 - Haman planned to execute Mordecai;
Xerxes executed Haman at his own house.
- ⇒ The principle of the crop: Seeds produce multiples of what is sown. (Matt 13:8)
- ⇒ Personally: How large a crop am I planting and is my faith indelible?

3. We reap later than we sow. (9:13; Gal 6:9)

- Haman planned to execute only Mordecai;
Esther later asked to execute Haman's 10 sons.
- ⇒ The principle of the harvest: When the time is right, God will reward the righteous and punish the unrighteous. (Matt 13:36-40)