



UNTO THE LORD - 7 DAY FAST DAY 3

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DAY 3

Scripture Reading: Esther 3-8

This is day three of the fast, and we are approaching the halfway point of our first seven day fast of the year. What a joy to give up food, haha.

I believe this year we are taking a significant step into what Father wants to do in this nation through His ekklesia, and we are part of that story. I believe fasting and praying is an essential aspect of that, not only in preparing ourselves to step into the beginning stage, but to also advance to the next stage of revival, awakening and stewarding that into reformation.

Something Pastor Brian has preached on, and has often referenced to, is the testimony of Esther and how God used her to save her nation from extinction. The entire account of this is found in Esther chapters 3 through 8. Because of this victory, the Jewish people celebrate the feast of Purim to this day. I'm only going to make some scripture references, but it would be of great benefit to read the entire account.

After discovering Haamans's plan to execute the Jewish people, Mordecai approached Esther, the Queen, to use her influence with the King to save her people. I want to note the latter part of verse 14 of chapter 4: "That you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Now, look at verse 15. Before Esther approached the King, she fasted and so did her people. She consecrated herself to God by fasting and praying, to seek wisdom and to spiritually prepare herself to step into her prophetic destiny.

Esther is a prophetic picture of the Bride of Christ. After fasting and praying she put on her royal robes and stood at the inner court of the King's palace (Esther 5:1). This is a picture of the Bride of Christ approaching King Jesus with intercession, clothed in robes of His imputed righteousness.

When the King saw Esther, the Word says "she found favor in his sight."

He then extended the royal scepter to her, which is a symbol of power and authority. She put her hand on it acknowledging the King's gracious invitation, which illustrates agreement. The King then states in Esther 5:3, "Ask of me anything, and it will be given. Up to half of my kingdom."

Let's connect this scripture with a New Testament scripture.

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).

Like Esther we are consecrating ourselves to God. We are fasting and praying to see our Nation saved through revival and awakening. The Lord has us in the earth and in the Kingdom for such a time as this. He has given us the invitation. Let us put on our royal robes of His imputed righteousness.

Fasting and prayer drives us deeper into this revelation and creates a dependency of the Bride to her King. It brings us further from the things that make us stumble and brings us closer to the Lord. Fasting and prayer crucifies the flesh and causes us to draw from the Spirit of God that has become one with our spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17). That is being led by the Spirit and also living from the Spirit. When this happens, it establishes an unhindered flow of heaven into the earth, so that when we pray we do not ask amiss, but hit the bullseye in prayer.

Let us draw from the river of life that has been placed in us and finish strong.

