



## I. THE REQUEST OF MORDECAI (ESTHER 4:8)

- A. HE DECLARED THE NEED
- B. THE GREATEST NEED IN THE WORLD TODAY

Romans 5:10, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

- C. HE COMMANDED A RESPONSE

James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

## II. THE REASONING OF ESTHER (ESTHER 4:10-11)

- A. SHE DIDN'T FEEL CALLED
- B. SHE FEARED MAN MORE THAN GOD

Matthew 10:28, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

## III. THE REPROOF FROM MORDECAI (ESTHER 4:13-14)

- A. REPROOF 1: THERE IS NO ESCAPE OUTSIDE OF GOD (ESTHER 4:13)
- B. REPROOF 2: SOMEONE ELSE WILL ENJOY THE LIFE GOD INTENDED FOR YOU (ESTHER 4:14)
- C. REPROOF 3: GOD'S WRATH IS WORSE THAN MAN'S (ESTHER 4:14)
- D. REPROOF 4: GOD PUT YOU WHERE YOU ARE IN LIFE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS (ESTHER 4:14)

## IV. THE REACTION OF ESTHER (ESTHER 4:15-17)

- A. HER PRAYER LIFE WAS RESTORED

Acts 12:11-12, "11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

Isaiah 56:7, "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

- B. SELFISHNESS WAS CORRECTED

Haggai 1:2-5, "2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways."

Proverbs 6:16-19, "16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

John 17:21, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

"Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation." – Charles Spurgeon

## V. THE RESPONSE OF THE KING (ESTHER 5:1-3)

- A. ESTHER OBTAINED FAVOR IN HIS SIGHT

1. God desires to pardon and save you.
2. God desires that you draw near to Him.

Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

- B. THE KING WANTED ESTHER TO BRING HER BURDENS TO HIM (5:3)

Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

## VI. THE RASHNESS OF HAMAN

- A. HAMAN WAS RASH IN HIS PRIDE (ESTHER 5:9-12)
- B. HAMAN WAS RASH IN HIS PLANS (ESTHER 5:13-14)
- C. HAMAN WAS RASH IN HIS PREDICTIONS

1. He predicted that he would be a guest of honor at the banquet. (5:12)

Matthew 6:2, 5, "2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

2. He predicted that he was the man whom the king would honor. (6:6)

## VII. THE RECOMPENSE OF GOD (ESTHER 7:9-10)

- A. GOD RECOMPENSED MORDECAI'S FAITH BY PACIFYING THE KING'S WRATH
- B. GOD RECOMPENSED ESTHER'S OBEDIENCE BY SAVING ISRAEL
- C. GOD RECOMPENSED HAMAN'S WICKED PLANS BY USING THEM AGAINST HIM