



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Lecture Notes
Esther Lesson 3
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Risky Business

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows if perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”
Esther 4:14 NIV

I. The Enemy

- *Haman the Agagite, who is from the family line of the Amalekites, who are the sons of Esau-the son of the patriarch Jacob. This lineage is an enemy of God and His people. God _____ with the Amalekites from generation to generation. Exodus 17:14-16, Deut. 25:19, 1 Samuel 15:2-9*
- *The _____ of God is to destroy, kill, and annihilate His people. Psalm 83:2-7, Esther 3:13, John 10:10*
- *_____ is the evil spirit of Haman, Hitler, and Hamas. This evil spirit is manifested as _____, hatred, and destruction. Gen. 6:11*

II. Response to Evil

- *_____ and confused Esther 3:15*
- *_____, humility, and repentance Esther 4:1-3*
- *Deep _____ Esther 4:3*
- *_____ or try to placate the intensity of the response to evil Esther 4:4*
- *_____ Esther 4:10-11*
- *Remain silent, inactive, and _____ Esther 4:13-14*

III. Preparation

- *God _____ His people for His providential purposes and timing. Esther 4:14, Acts 22:3-4*
- *When discerning evil, prepare by ensuring you are seeing darkness through eyes of _____. Matthew 7:3-5*

- *Fasting & prayer*
- *Prepare your _____-internal reaction is the best indicator:*
 - *Smug, arrogant, gossip, superiority, _____*
 - *Grief, love, humility, and _____*
- *Surrender and Trust the _____ to God Esther 4:16*

IV. A Call to Risk-For Such a Time as This

- *Stay true to our identity in Christ _____. Mordecai would not bow down to evil and declared his true identity. Esther 3:2-4*
- *Let go of this evil world and _____ and His Kingdom Luke 21:28*
- *God _____ us to take risks to participate in His redemptive purposes*
- *What risk is God _____ for such a time as this?*