



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Lecture Notes
Esther Lesson 6
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Great Reversals

“...on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.” Esther 9:1

Brief review of Esther:

Chapters 1-2 Rise of _____

Chapters 3-4 Rise of _____

Chapters 5-7 _____ of Esther

Chapters 9-10 God _____ Esther

Themes in the book:

- a. Providence- Nothing happens except through Him and by His will.*
- b. Deliverance- Our _____ point is always extremely limited. At any given time, things can look very discouraging. But _____ will send deliverance for His people.*
- c. God's faithfulness*
- d. God's goodness*
- e. God's _____ grace*
- f. God's protection*

Part 1 Complete Reversals

1. Humiliation and Exaltation

- ◆ *God exalted the ones who humbled themselves.*
- ◆ *Mordecai lives in Haman's old house – Esther 8:2*
- ◆ *Luke 14:11 “For everyone who _____ himself will be humbled, and he who _____ himself will be exalted.”*

2. Exaltation to Devastation

- ◆ *Read Esther 5:11 Haman's sons were his crowning glory.*
- ◆ *Read Esther 9:25 Haman and his sons were hung on his _____*
_____.

3. Lowly to High positions

- ♦ Mordecai goes from a “Jew in Susa” (Esther 2:5) to a position of _____ (read Esther 9:4)
- ♦ Esther goes from Jewish _____ to queen.

4. Compromise to conviction

- ♦ Esther has compromises in the early parts of the book by hiding her Jewish identity and the actions that followed. By the end she identifies with her people and risks her life in the process.

5. Persecution to preservation

- ♦ According to the law of Medes and Persians the first edict could not be revoked. A second edict was issued to authorize the Jews to _____ and _____ themselves.

6. Mourning to gladness

- ♦ After the first decree goes out there is great mourning among the Jews. (Read Esther 4:1-4)
- ♦ Great celebration after the Jews are authorized to assemble and defend their lives. (See Esther 8:16-17 and Esther 9:18-19)
- ♦ Purim is established (Read Esther 9:28) “God’s salvation led to _____ times dedicated to _____ each _____ the greatness of God’s work for His people.” - Experiencing God Bible

Part 2 The God of Great Reversals

A. Esther _____ with her people and _____ for the sake of their lives.

B. She _____ her place in the palace by revealing her true identity.

BUT GOD...

“God is in charge of the great reversals; He turns us from darkness to _____, sadness to _____, from death to _____.” - Alistair Begg

God sent Jesus to:

Destroy enmity

Destroy sin and death

Turn a curse into a blessing. He redeemed man from the curse of Genesis 3.

Psalm 91 our closing blessing