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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

TO CHARGE HER THAT SHE SHOULD GO IN UNTO THE KING,
TO MAKE SUPPLICATION UNTO HIM,
AND TO MAKE REQUEST BEFORE HIM FOR HER PEOPLE

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ESTHER 4:1-12**

Esther 4:7-8, *And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. 8: Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the February 27, 2022 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Our text comes from the **Book of Esther chapter 4**; however, let's consider a couple of things in order to get a full understanding of what is about to happen.
- b. **Chapter 1** is the history of a pagan nation.
- c. It is an insert into the Word of God for a very definite purpose; it teaches providence.
- d. The story of this heathen kingdom and the involvement of the Jewish people which had the privilege of returning to their land but refused to do so, remaining outside the will of God.
- e. **Esther** picks up this story.
- f. The king has demanded that the queen come before him and she refuses. **Esther 1:10-12**, *On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, 11: To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. 12: But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.*
- g. Her refusal causes the king to reject her. **Esther 1:19**, *If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.*
- h. Therefore, this required a beauty contest to choose the next queen for the king. **Esther 2:2**, *Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:*
- i. Although it had been kept a secret, Esther was a Jew and because of her beauty, the king selected her. **Esther 2:17**, *And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.*
- j. There was a wicked person in the kingdom named Haman who wanted to annihilate the Jewish people. **Esther 3:6**, *And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.*
- k. This is anti-Semitism in its first-class state.

- l. Haman was able to work it out with the king that an order would be issued to execute all Jews and exterminate them. **Esther 3:9, *If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.***
- m. After this terrible decree had been signed, Mordecai, who was a Jew also, comes into the picture.
- n. As we go into the **fourth chapter**, let's see what God would place into our heart as we study this great book.

3. TEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Mordecai perceived all that was done.

1. **Esther 4:1-2, *When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; 2: And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.***
2. When Mordecai picked up on the fact that the decree to annihilate the Jews had been signed, he put on sackcloth and ashes.
3. What a performance. Mordecai had no doubt that this was serious.
4. He also knew that once the law was put out by the Medo-Persian Empire, it could not be changed. **Esther 1:19, *If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.***
5. There were roughly 15 million Jews in the kingdom at that time.
6. It would have been a terrible massacre because of one petty official, whom Mordecai would not bow down to, who was willing to exterminate the entire race.
7. We know this is something that Satan was behind. We also know that there is no way God's chosen people can be wiped off the face of the Earth.
8. God has not forsaken them because He says in **Romans 11:2, *God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,***

b. There was great mourning among the Jews.

1. **Esther 4:3, *And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.***
2. Notice the absence of prayer.
3. They did all of the various rituals but did not pray.
4. I can tell you, my friend; **it is prayer that changes things.**
5. The king's decree to exterminate the Jews arrives in various places and there was a reaction because they believed it would in fact happen.
6. As we make application to the church: it is amazing that **there is very little conviction of sin; we want to get rid of the Preserved Words of Scripture because it brings conviction to the heart. We must remember the believer does not have a sin problem but we fail to be obedient. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, *Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.***
7. The average believer today will say "Yes I trust Christ," but there is no real conviction and very little fruit in their lives.
8. They can easily turn back to sin and get outside of the will of God with no remorse for what they have done. **Proverbs 14:14, *The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself. Proverbs 26:11, *As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.****
9. Even in the crusades we have there is a lack of weeping over sin in folk's lives.
10. **God intends to enforce judgment against the sinner who will hold onto sin and not turn to Christ. Psalms 7:11, *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.***
11. We have to understand there is chastisement in the lives of the believer who is outside of the will of God. **Hebrews 12:6, *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.***

12. Mordecai knew and believed the seriousness of the decree and goes to do something about it.

c. **Then was the queen exceedingly grieved.**

1. **Esther 4:4, So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.**
2. This is a picture of the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned and attempted to clothe themselves with fig leaves. **Genesis 3:7, And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**
3. The queen's solution to the problem was to send her adopted father clothing so he would get out of sack cloth and ashes.
4. I am sure that she was embarrassed that he was laying there at the king's gate.
5. This is an attempt to cover things with religion. **Religion will not remove the fact that man is a guilty sinner. Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Ecclesiastes 7:20, For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Romans 3:9, What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;**
6. This is where we have gone wrong today. We don't understand that the wages of sin is death. **Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
7. **In order to get into God's Kingdom, we have to be 100% perfect, standing in the righteousness of Jesus Christ with our sins subtracted. We must be in Christ in order to be saved. Philippians 3:9, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: Romans 3:22, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:**
8. Christ told Nicodemus in **John 3:3, Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**
9. Man has to have a brand-new nature; he cannot take care of himself. **2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**
10. **Another kind of clothing is education.** Men and women think they can get so educated until they are above God. With all of my heart I am for the development to our fullest potential. I do not knock education. I am for it 100% but, it has no value in the salvation process. **Romans 1:22, Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**
11. The Bible says if any lack wisdom just ask for it. **James 1:5, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**
12. If we do not have godly wisdom that poses a problem for mankind.
13. In this day in time there are scholars who are tampering with the Word of God and changing the very essence of God's Word. They are deceiving many, many people who actually go along with them because they are so-called scholars. They use deceptive practices and have a unique way of saying one thing and meaning another. Paul gives us an alert that God's revelation was directly from the Lord Jesus Christ. **Galatians 1:12, For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**
14. We need to stop and question people who tell us there are certain things that are not in the best of manuscripts. Where are these better manuscripts and from what source do they come?
15. We need to find out what they are talking about and more than likely you will see they are talking about the corrupt Greek and Hebrew Texts set forth by Wescott and Hort.

d. **Then called Esther... and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was and why it was.**

1. **Esther 4:5, Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.**
 2. Esther is seeking some answers from Mordecai. Why is he in sackcloth and ashes? Why is he refusing the clothing she provided? What is the situation at hand?
 3. In other words, she wanted a situation report.
- e. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city.**
1. **Esther 4:6, So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.**
 2. Upon his arrival, there was a message sent to Mordecai by the queen.
 3. I don't know exactly what form it was in, I would assume it was in written form; something that Mordecai could understand.
 4. Mordecai knew it was from Esther because the messenger made known it was a message from the queen or by her signature.
- f. To charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.**
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 2. At this point a copy of the decree was made known to Esther. The urgency of the situation now lies in her hands and on her shoulders.
 3. She must now either act or recant now that she knows the truth.
- g. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.**
1. **Esther 4:9, And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.**
 2. Mordecai sent back the message to the queen which in effect said, the reason I am in sackcloth and ashes is that our people, you also are included, have come under an awful decree of death.
 3. Mordecai reminds her that this was a Medo-Persian order and according to the law it could never be changed.
 4. The Bible teaches that man is a sinner. **Job 14:1, Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Ecclesiastes 7:20, For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.**
 5. Many people want to go to the Bible to justify their sin and their self-righteousness. Remember that all of our righteousness is filthy rags. **Isaiah 64:6, But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**
 6. The message was given to Esther and this is her reaction to the problem.
- h. Esther ... gave him commandment unto Mordecai.**
1. **Esther 4:10, Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;**
 2. After Esther heard the message from Mordecai and read the decree, she sent another message to Mordecai.
 3. Notice how insensitive we are once we arrive in a high position and lose touch with the so-called common people.
 4. Notice what the queen's words were to Mordecai.
- i. I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.**
1. **Esther 4:11, All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out**

the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

2. In other words, she says "too bad, there is a law and I can do nothing."
3. How many times do we take the approach that it is someone else's responsibility? We play the blaming game and we shift the problem to another.
4. We all need to approach God in such a way that whatever needs to be done, needs to be done to the glory of God. **Philippians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**
5. We need to exercise teamwork. We need to think our way through the problem. We need to be pro-active. If it is God's will then there is a way that it can be done. **Romans 8:31, What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**
6. If we understand this concept, we will be united in such a way that Satan cannot cause us any difficulty. **1 Corinthians 1:10, Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Romans 16:17, Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**
7. The word back to Mordecai from the queen who is so far removed from the situation is, "If I go in, it may mean death unto me."
8. She is thinking about herself rather than thinking about others. There are some fifteen million Jews that will be affected by this decree. Too often, we as believers think about ourselves rather than thinking about God's will and other people. We must remember it is not about us, it is about God's purpose and His will.
9. **We might have to forfeit some of our comfort in order to minister to others. Romans 14:7, For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.**

j. And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

1. **Esther 4:12, And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.**
2. You can't help but love Mordecai; he was on top of the situation, a thinker, God's man. He knew God would deliver them.
3. **Mordecai said if you don't do your job, then we will be delivered in another way.** Although prayer is not mentioned in this book, Mordecai was a man of God. **Esther 4:14, For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**
4. He knew the providence of God was to protect the Jewish people.

2. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Him as personal Saviour, you need to come to the side of the crucified Christ.
- b. Not only do you need to come to His side, but you need to seek His perfect will for your life.
- c. Operating in the permissive will of God, or outside of His will, will bring no joy to the heart of the believer.
- d. **Nehemiah 8:10, Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**
- e. We are strengthened by not seeking other ways or means, but by coming to the side of the crucified Christ. **Ephesians 3:16, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**
- f. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- g. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- h. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- i. Would you please stand?

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