

ESTHER - A WOMAN OF RESOLVE
Notes - Lesson 1

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Romans 15:4

Psalm 103:19

Ephesians 1:11

Esther 1:1 & 2 - Know the times and seasons in which you live

What is your throne? What is your sphere of influence?

King Ahasuerus also known as King Xerxes

Esther 1:3

Esther 1:4-9

Esther 1: 10 -18

How do you respond to situations out of your control?

Esther 1:19-22

Between Chapters 1 & 2

Esther 2:1

Esther 2:2-4

God's providence is the intervention of God's plan in your life with
eternity in mind

Esther 2:5 ... *"Now there was a Jew ..."*

Prepare yourself for significance!! This is your time!!

Realize that all around you, no matter how mean your environment may be, there are magnificent and unparalleled opportunities of serving God and need world that angels envy!

Matthew 25:21

Esther 2: 6 & 7

Esther 2:8 -

God will have the last Word!

DAILY PREPARATIONS

DAY 1 - Read Esther 1:1-9. What do you know about King Ahasuerus and his kingdom by reading these verses? Read Psalm 35. Meditate on verses 9 & 10 and verses 27 & 28. Write down one principal that you learn from reading these verses.

DAY 2 - Read Esther 1:10 - 22. What is the difference to responding emotionally to a situation rather than with conviction or with faith? Which one is the stronger response? Read Psalm 36. Underline the words "lovingkindness" and "faithfulness".

DAY 3 - Read Esther 2:1 - 7. How did this governmental decision affect the lives of the families and young women in Persia? Is there a government decision that has affected you adversely? Read Psalm 37:1-22. Do any of the verses in this Psalm relate to the story of Esther? How so?

DAY 4 - Read Esther 2:8. Has anything ever happened to you that was against your will? Have you seen God work it together for good yet? Read Psalm 37:23-end. Do any of these verses apply to the story of Esther? How so?

DAY 5 - Read Psalm 38. Write out a heartfelt prayer to the Lord much like the Psalmist did in these verses. Now ... listen for God's answer.

DAY 6 - Read Psalm 39. Read this Psalm 2 times. What is the Psalmist talking to God about in these verses? Can you relate?

DAY 7 - Read Esther 2:8 - end. Do you see God's hand in any of these verses at all? Why or why not? Take a minute and thank God today for His hand on your life.