



ESTHER

GOD IS PRESENT . . . EVEN WHEN HE IS ABSENT.

Proverbs 16:18

*Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

THE ENEMY



PRIDE

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.

² And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

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PRIDE

³ Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?"

⁴ Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for Mordecai had told them that he was a Jew.

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PRIDE

Esther 5:11-13 ¹¹ Then Haman told them of his great riches, the multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king. ¹² Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king. ¹³ "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

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PRIDE

Pride Defined: concentration and absorption of the self; Self-magnification; Self-worship.

“Pride seeks to ungod God.”

Thomas Watson

“Pride is ruthless, sleepless, unsmiling concentration on the self. Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next person.”

C.S. Lewis

MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE



TWO FORMS OF PRIDE

Superiority: when you calculate how you measure up. How do you look? How do people see me? Am I being appreciated? Self absorbed.

Inferiority: When you are down on yourself, don't like yourself, beat yourself up . . . But are just as self absorbed.

Humility isn't thinking less of yourself,
but thinking of yourself less.

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PRIDE

⁵ When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.

⁶ But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-- the people of Mordecai.

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⁷ In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

⁸ Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

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PRIDE

⁹ "If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

¹⁰ So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. ¹¹ And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

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¹³ And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

¹⁵ . . . So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE



Complaining against God

Not admitting when wrong

Lack of gratitude Anger

Not seeking forgiveness

Seeing yourself as better than others

Lack of biblical prayer

An inflated view of yourself

Resisting authority/disrespect

Focusing on your lack of gifts/abilities

Voicing opinions when not asked

Perfectionism Seeking control

Minimizing your own sin

Consumed with what others think

Maximizing others sins

Devastated by criticism

Impatience/irritable

Unteachable Lack of service

Jealous Using others

Lack of compassion

Covering up sins/mistakes

Being defensive, blame shifting

Attention getting tactics

No close relationships

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PRIDE

That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. ² And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. ³ Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" And the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

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⁴ So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

⁵ The king's servants said to him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."

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PRIDE

⁶ So Haman came in, and the king asked him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"

⁷ And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸ "let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head.

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⁹ "Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: `Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!'"

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PRIDE

¹⁰ Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Jew who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken."

James 4:6 *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*



A Communion Reminder

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.



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MANIFESTATIONS OF HUMILITY



Trusting God's character

Gladly submissive to authority

Having no right to pass
judgment on God

Preferring others over yourself

Thankful for reproof

Focusing on Christ

Teachable spirit

Biblical prayer

Seeking to build up others

Overwhelmed with God's grace

Serving

Being Thankful, Gentle, patient

Quick to admit wrong

Seeing yourself as no better than
others

Quick to grant/ask forgiveness

Repenting of sin

An accurate view of abilities

Minimizing others shortcomings

Good listener

Honest about who they are

Speak well of others

Close relationships