



# ESTHER

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*“Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”*

1. If you can't risk throwing away the palace, then it has devoured you.
2. How do you get an identity rooted in something other than your position? **Answer: GRACE!**

*1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as though you did not?*

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<sup>14</sup> Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai:

<sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and **if I perish, I perish!**"

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Esther 5-6

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I am only one,

But still I am one.

I cannot do everything;

but still I can do something;

and because I cannot do everything,

I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

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Esther 5:1-2 *Now it happened **on the third day** that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, . . . <sup>2</sup> So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight . . .*

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Esther 5:1 Now it happened **on the third day** that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

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<sup>2</sup> So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

<sup>3</sup> And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you-- up to half the kingdom!"

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<sup>4</sup> So Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

<sup>5</sup> Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther had prepared. <sup>6</sup> At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

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<sup>7</sup> Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and request is this:

<sup>8</sup> "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

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<sup>9</sup> So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

<sup>10</sup> Nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

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<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

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<sup>14</sup> Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet." And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.

# THANKFUL . . . OR THANKLESS

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.

Proverbs 21:1 “the king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.”

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<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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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<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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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<sup>6</sup> 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?"

<sup>7</sup> And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, <sup>8</sup> "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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<sup>9</sup> "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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<sup>10</sup> 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."

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<sup>11</sup> So Haman took the robe and the horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"

<sup>12</sup> Afterward Mordecai went back to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.

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<sup>13</sup> When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."

<sup>14</sup> While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

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*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

*in everything give thanks.*

*For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*



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