

Week Seven
Esther 6:1-7:10

Day One
Read Esther 6:1-3

What else had happened on the night the king couldn't sleep?

In Esther 6:1, what does it say the book of the chronicles was?

If someone had a journal of their life and you were written in it, what would it say about you? In what ways would it be positive or negative?

God sees us in ways so different from man. Psalm 139:13-14 says, *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* God created you and has a purpose for your life. He does not have a journal like King Xerxes had, but He does purpose for us to do good works for Him (Ephesians 2:10). What do you think some of these "good works" might be (ie. pray for others, share your faith, etc.)? Give scripture to support your answer.

Many people do good things for others with no recognition. How will God recognize His children (for doing good/serving with our gifts)? Give scripture to support your answer.

Day Two

Read Esther 6:4-11

Who was in the court and why had he come?

In the discussion between the king and Haman, what did Haman say should be done for a man the king delights to honor?

Within a 24 hour period, two men want to bring a public awareness to Mordecai for his actions. Haman wants to hang him and the king wants to honor him.

What does the Bible say about evil and good? Give scripture to support your answer.

Day Three

Read Esther 6:12-14

In Esther 6:12, what did the two men do after Mordecai was honored?

When you are humiliated, what do you usually do? What does scripture tell us to do?

Why do you think Haman's wife and friends said that Haman would come to ruin? Give scripture outside of Esther to support your answer.

As a child of God, what protection are you promised? Give scripture.

Day Four

Read Esther 7:1-2

How many times in the previous chapters had the king asked Queen Esther the same questions in verse 2?

Are you sensitive enough to know when to speak and when to be quiet?

How do you know that you are in tune with God?

If you are married, in your relationship with your spouse, how will you prepare to give him his request even before you hear what it is?

If you are not married, how would you respond to the same question in the context of a close relationship (friend, boss, etc.)?

What are some characteristics of Christ that we need to have to be a wife of openness and unselfishness?

Day Five

Read Esther 7:3-4

What was the Queen's request and petition?

On what basis was the Queen able to say that they had been "sold for destruction and slaughter and annihilation?" Give scripture reference (outside of this chapter).

Why do you think this would disturb the king more than slavery?

What in your life have you given away or feel has been taken from you that you need to take back?

How will you pray to God to begin your healing (or trusting or forgiveness) process?

What do you think it took for Queen Esther to tell the king her request? Give scripture references that will help you in a time of difficulty when you must speak the truth.

Day Six

Read Esther 7:5-10

How many lives had been affected by Haman's actions?

What did the king do when he heard Esther's response?

What did Haman do?

What consequence did Haman have because of his deception?

If you are a child of God, you can live a life of forgiveness. Jesus Christ came to save you from your sins and to reconcile you with God.

What consequences do you continue to live with today because you can't let go of sin from your past?

If you are not a Christian, I would love to speak with you. God is calling you into a relationship with Him and it is my prayer that you will live a life of freedom, knowing you are significant.