



"Faith in the Life of Esther"

Living by Faith

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Introduction

✳️ Purim celebration in Israel today

20 Then Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, 21 obliging them to celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same month, annually, 22 because on those days the Jews rid themselves of their enemies, and [it was a] month which was turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending portions [of food] to one another and gifts to the poor. [Est 9:20-22 NASB95]

✳️ Things we may learn from the book of Esther.

How to live by faith in times of judgment.

1. Faith is the victory that _____ the world.

1) Faith means hope of victory in the _____ circumstances.

13 Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to kill and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth [day] of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder. [Est 3:13 NASB95]

2) The light of God's glory shines _____ in our darkness.

33 'You, however, **I will scatter among the nations** and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste. [Lev 26:33]

1 Then the LORD said to me, "Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not be with this people; send them away from My presence and let them go! 2 "And it shall be that when they say to you, '**Where should we go?**' then you are to tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Those [destined] for death, to death; And those [destined] for the sword, to the sword; And those [destined] for famine, to famine; And those [destined] for captivity, to captivity.'" [Jer 15:1-2]

3) "The Law of Diminishing Good Options" is in _____.

36 '**As for those of you who may be left**, I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them, and even when no one is pursuing they will flee as though from the sword, and they will fall. 37 'They will therefore stumble over each other as if [running] from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have [no strength] to stand up before your enemies. [Lev 26:36-37 NASB95]

✳️ Fear is real, it is imminent, and from human and biblical perspective the weight of the danger appears inevitable.

2. Faith must overcome _____.

1) Mordecai's report and Esther's _____.

Vashti's refusal was fresh on everyone's mind - 11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for **any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned**, he has but one law, that he **be put to death**, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days." [Est 4:11]

2 All the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But **Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage**. ... 5 When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage. 6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him [who] the people of Mordecai [were;] therefore Haman **sought to destroy all the Jews**, the people of Mordecai, who [were] throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. [Est 3:2, 5-6]

2) Mordecai's _____ . v9, Jn 15:5

13 Then Mordecai told [them] to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. 14 "For if you remain silent at this time, **relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place** and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty **for such a time as this?**" [Est 4:13-14 NASB95]

3) Esther's _____ to fear.

16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish." [Est 4:16 NASB95]

Those who live by faith...

- ✳ ...know that _____ is the direction of God's hand.
- ✳ ...know God is _____ but often seems not there.
- ✳ ... _____ God's word over man's. [everybody said bow down]
- ✳ ... _____ and _____ in uncertain times.
- ✳ ... _____ others to fast with or for them.
- ✳ ... _____ themselves to the mountains they should die on. [if I perish, I perish.]
- ✳ ... _____ and _____ when fears seeks control.
- ✳ ...know God will deliver us _____ or carry us _____ the storm.
- ✳ ...know changing circumstances do not alter _____ God.
- ✳ ...know judgment for Israel is not _____ but temporal and corrective.
- ✳ ...know that God will never break the promises in His _____.

This is for Israel...

- ☪ [Lev 26:44-45 NASB95]
- ☪ [Deu 4:25-31 NASB95]
- ☪ [Deu 30:1-5 NASB95]