

Scripture to read: Esther 4:13-17**Esther who arose from her drowsy state**

Mordecai told Esther who was in the Palace enjoying all comfort with her new Husband, Home in the palace, servants for her aid. Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, He cautioned her saying you will die by the conviction of your heart because, if you and your father's family will remain silent and not act when God need's you. Mordecai awakens Esther by saying that he himself is of her father's family. Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

Question:

Why did Esther tell Mordecai to fast and pray for three days and she too did the same?

Answer:

The entire nation was aware that with the King's power one can do anything. Few days ago everyone knew what happened to Vasthi when she did not come when the King summoned for her. But all these days Esther lived as a slave in a different place. Esther who was crowned as a Queen before few days, was unaware of the things that was happening around her because of the new comfortable life in the palace, when such a big work was given into her hands, she faltered. She had only one way to receive courage, wisdom and strength, that is to seek the Lord and pray. Because God had already thought her to pray as much as bigger the fear was, So she tells the others to hold on to the same. Dear brother and sister, if you are troubled and filled with fear looking at the situation around you, do not panic, take it to the Lord in prayer. even you too will receive courage and strength from the Lord

like Esther, who was even ready to die. Surely there is no defeat. Victory is yours. Prayer is our life and prayer brings victory.

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:41

Prayer

Heavenly father grant us thy spirit to stay awake and pray. It is you who lifted us and blessed us with a prosperous life Lord. We will never forget your help in any situation. Amen