

Scripture to read: Esther 5-6 Chapters

The Power of Prayer – Part 1

We are going to meditate on the two major incidents from this book. Esther and her maids fasted and prayed in the palace for three days. Mordecai and the Jewish people in Susan fasted and prayed for three days. At the same time, the enemy intrigued a plan to destroy and kill all the people of God. After three days, Esther spoke to the King and invited Haman and the King for a banquet of two days. Though Haman was proud because of the banquet, Mordecai's disrespect made him a vicious man. Before he went for the banquet on the second day, he devised a plan to set up a sharpened pole to impale Mordecai on it, the next day. But before all this could happen, the Lord made the King had trouble sleeping, so he ordered an attendant to bring the book of the history of his reign so it could be read to him. In those records he discovered an account of how Mordecai had exposed the plot two of the eunuchs who guarded the door to the king's private quarters. They had plotted to assassinate King Xerxes. "What reward or recognition did we ever give Mordecai for this?" the king asked. As it happened, Haman had just arrived in the outer court of the palace to ask the king to impale Mordecai on the pole he had prepared. Before he asked the King anything, the King commanded Haman himself to honor Mordecai. But Haman hurried home dejected and completely humiliated and went to Esther's banquet on the second day. In the banquet when the King came to know about the plan Haman devised to kill the Jews, The King commanded to impale Haman on the same pole that was set for Mordecai. Later the King lifted Mordecai in Haman's place and honored him.

Question:

How come in those three crucial days, the king's heart was changed to lift Mordecai in Haman's place?

Answer:

Though, this incident may seem amazing to our eyes. The Holy Bible says this was not possible through any human. But with God everything is possible. When we pray, it is God who himself does miracles for us. And through our faithful burdened prayer, everything is made possible. When we

examine and see the life of Mordecai, he did not fear Haman (His enemy) in any situation. When he saw trouble that surrounded God's people, he came forward to fight for them. He was the one who encouraged Esther to raise and work for the Lord when she was ignorant and unable to act. At the same time, he won the victory when he joined and prayed with the people of God. When the enemy fights against the will of God, God needs his people to pray in order for him to intervene in our lives. When Esther, Mordecai and the people of God prayed with a true burdened heart, God immediately intervened and reminded the King about the things that he had forgotten. Before Haman (Enemy) came, God smashed his weapons. Whom the enemy used as a weapon to destroy Mordecai, God used the same person to lift Mordecai as a leader. Dear children of God, Satan would have raised many of them to destroy and disgrace you. But if you, sit in the presence of the Lord and seek him fervently and if your ways are pleasing in the sight of God, He will fight the battle for you. No one can humiliate or destroy you. Amen

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results James 5:16

Prayer

Lord, Thank you for making these sinners and iniquitous as righteous people. As the Lord overcame this world we too will overcome the world and lead a victorious life. Amen.