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The Wisdom of Queen Esther

Scripture Reading: Esther Chapter 5

Mordecai told Esther not to be silent in such a time concerning the command that was sent forth by the king to kill all the Jews. He asked her to go and speak to the king. The Queen asked all the Jews in Shushan to fast for 3 days, night and day. She and her maids also fasted likewise before she went into the king's presence. It is a life threat when someone enters the king's presence without the king's permission. Disregarding her life, on the third day, Esther went before the king. When the King saw Esther standing in the court, she found favor in his sight. And the king said to her, "What do you want Queen Esther?" Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared". The king accepted her plea. Haman told all that had happened to his wife and friends. He was very proud to be so greatly regarded. Nevertheless, he was not peaceful because of Mordecai who refused to bow before him and pay homage. Haman's wife Zeresh and all his friends counseled him that a gallows of fifty cubits height be made and then to suggest the king to hang Mordecai on it. The idea pleased Haman.



Mordecai and Esther wholeheartedly strived to save all people from the coming destruction. Every day they didn't bother about their food and other worldly responsibilities, but rather spent their time in fasting and prayer. They not just prayed but also took measures to go and meet the king. God granted Esther favor in the sight of the king. She too handled the situation wisely by not placing any demand before the king at her first visit. She patiently waited and made another opportunity. All of this was a result of the fasting and prayer. On one side we see all the earnest efforts of God's people to save the Jews. On the other side we see the desperate measures taken by Haman to kill Mordecai. Dear Children, what do we learn from today's meditation? When we grow up and are used in the ministry of God's work, we too will face such problems. At such times, we should individually and corporately seek the face the God.

"So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for saving us and protecting us in times of trouble and danger. Father, help us to never love this world, but rather love You and Your people. Amen



Queen Esther was willing to give her own life to save the lives of many others.