

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

My Name Is Esther

I am a young Hebrew girl who had no idea what God had in store for me. Both of my parents died and I was being raised by my cousin, Mordecai – he was much older than me. He was a wise man who worshiped the God of our people.

I had heard that Ahasuerus, the King, had become upset with his wife, Queen Vashti, because she had disobeyed him. His anger caused him to listen to his counselors who advised that the Queen be replaced. This seemed very sad to me, but this was something I had no part in – or so I thought.

Shortly, Mordecai came to me and told me that a search for a new Queen was being made and that I would be among the young virgins from whom a new Queen would be selected. I was delivered to Hegai who was the custodian of the women. I must have made a good impression on him because he gave me special attention and moved me and my maidservants to the best place in the house of women. I was eventually chosen as the new Queen – what an honor.

Haman, the King's chief counsel, did not like Mordecai and conspired against him by tricking the King into signing a decree to have all Jews killed on a certain day. He even convinced the King to allow him to build a gallows to hang Mordecai with.

Mordecai was a very wise man and he knew that I was the only one who could speak to the King and stop what was about to happen. I feared for my life if I approached the King as only those who the King bade to come in could approach him. Mordecai spoke these words to me, *"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* This struck hard in my heart. I sent word to Mordecai, *"And so I will go to the king, which is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."*

In the end, the King harkened unto me and my people were spared death. Haman was hung on the gallows that he had built for Mordecai and Mordecai so impressed the King that he was appointed 2nd in the kingdom under Ahasuerus.

I learned a valuable lesson in what happened. I learned that we have to always do what is right, no matter what the consequences. I didn't see this until Mordecai opened my eyes with his wisdom. He showed me that regardless of the outcome, I had to do what God had placed me here to do – *“if I perish, I perish.”*

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland