

Esther 5 - take no thought for tomorrow

Outline

- v1 coming boldly to the throne of grace,
to obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need
- v2-3 the king held out the golden scepter
- v4-8 instead of being hasty, Esther was biding her time
- v9-12 Haman's false sense of security
- v13-14 pride goes before the fall

Key v8

"If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said."

I saw from Esther's example, that I should be patient instead of hasty, especially in big and important situations.

v14

"Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made."

There was a sharp contrast between Esther's patience and Haman's hastiness. Haman ended up sealing his own doom, in his haste.

Application Proverbs 19:2

"Also, [that] the soul [be] without knowledge, [it is] not good; and he that hasteth with [his] feet sinneth."

We should do things with all of our heart and all of our might, but we should also correctly prioritize to do the right thing at the right time.

This week, I'll remember to not worry about things that are off in the future; because, even if something does need to be done about something, it would not necessarily be best to try to take care of it right this minute.