



Series: Esther

Title: God Opposes the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble

Scripture: Esther 6-7

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

March Scripture Memory: Proverbs 16:18 (ESV) *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."* **1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)** *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so at the proper time he may exalt you."*

1) The providence of God is an unstoppable force. (6:1-5)

God is providential over human events (seen in Xerxes):

1. His insomnia
2. His choice of entertainment (having someone read a book)
3. The servant's choice of books
4. The king's delay in regarding/rewarding Mordecai

GOD's DELAYS are NOT God's DENIALS.

5. The Timely arrival of Haman

"There is no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the LORD." (Proverbs 21:30 NKJV)

"The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations." (Psalm 33:10-11 NKJV)

Put it to practice:

Write out a way you have seen the providence of God in your life and share it with someone this week.

real
people

walking
with Christ

inviting
others

serving
together

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2) God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (6:6-12; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Gal. 6:7-9)

“A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”

(Proverbs 29:23 NKJV)

(Which side of the comma do you live on?)

- A. Mordecai (Prov. 16:3-4)
- B. Haman (Prov. 27:2)
- C. Jacob
- D. Pharaoh
- E. Joseph

Put it to practice:

What side of the comma do you live on? Pride or humble in spirit side? What are you sowing or reaping?

Humble yourself before God and man. Serve someone who is unlovable this week. Start sowing blessings into others.

3) Do not go out in haste, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (7:1-10; Deut. 31:8; Prov. 11:8)

Put it to practice:

Where in your life do you need patience? God is a deliverer God. Ask Him to go before you and be your rear guard in whatever you are facing. Write out 5 promises from scripture that God has made to His church. Post them somewhere you can see them.