



The Control & Provision of God
Esther 9:1-23, 27-28

“D-Day” has arrived.

A twofold command:

- First command gave permission to officials in all of the provinces to destroy, kill, and annihilate all of the Jewish people, young and old, woman and children, and to plunder their possessions. (Esther 3)
- Second command gave Jews in every province the right to assemble and defend themselves against their oppressors. Same objectives: to destroy, kill and annihilate everyone who was hostile to them, and to plunder their possessions. (Esther 8)

Our God is a God who brings victory to the oppressed.

- Salvation from the oppression of sin.

Romans 3:23 We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12 ... just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

1 Corinthians 15:57 ... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:14 ...sin will not rule over us...

Luke 4:18

- Victory over other forms of oppression as well.

Oppression: prolonged, cruel, or unjust treatment or control.

1) Through His Word.

2 Timothy 3:16 “all Scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.”

2) Through the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13, Acts 1:8

3) Through a community of believers to encourage, build up, hold one another accountable, confess sin, and to be healed of our afflictions.

Romans 12:10, Romans 15:14, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, James 5:16.

Our God is a God who brings assurance to those who are afraid.

- Do NOT live in fear of what others can do to us. Fear God alone.

2 Timothy 1:7 God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

2 Timothy 1:8-9 So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me His prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, rely ... on the power of God. He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Matthew 10:28 Don't fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- Fearing God (trusting in Him, giving Him reverence as the One who has power of death and hell) turns our fear into assurance.

Psalm 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Psalm 33:21 For our hearts rejoice in Him because we trust in His holy name.

Our God is a God who brings praise to our circumstances.

Esther 9:28 These days are remembered and celebrated by every generation, family, province, and city, so that these days of Purim would not lose significance in Jewish life and [so] that their memory [would] not fade from their descendants.

Psalm 103:1-5, Psalm 71:14-15, Psalm 147:1, Psalm 95:1-3, Isaiah 61:3