

BROUGHT TO THE KINGDOM FOR A PURPOSE
PART 1-SOME AREAS WE SHOULD KNOW
ESTHER 4:14

Introduction

Esther was a Jewish girl, one of God's chosen people, who was left an orphan in the land of her people's enemy. She had been left in the care of a cousin by the name of Mordecai.

Through a variety of circumstances Esther had become the queen in the Medea-Persian Empire. She was, no doubt, enjoying the good life! Everything was going well with her.

However, outside the palace things were not going well for her people—God's chosen people. There was a wicked man by the name of Haman who had attained a high place in the Medea-Persian Empire. He was cleverly able to get the king to back an order that, if carried out, would exterminate all the Jews in the land and make their property available for the taking.

The situation appeared hopeless from the human standpoint! Someone was needed to help deliver the people from extermination!

Mordecai sent word to his cousin Esther informing her that her help was needed. But, Esther was reluctant and for a seemingly good reason. (Vs 11) She had not been invited into the king's presence for some thirty days and for her to go in to him uninvited was to take her life in her own hands. So, from a human standpoint, she was rightfully afraid!

She expressed her concern to Mordecai. But Mordecai was not impressed! (Vs 13) He told her that the people would be delivered by some means, but that it was altogether possible that she had been placed in her present place in the kingdom in order to be used to save her people. (Vs 14)

Mordecai further indicated to her that if she refused to be used to help her people, then help would come from elsewhere, but that she would lose the opportunity that had obviously been given her and very likely she and her father's house would be destroyed!

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Esther finally agreed to do as Mordecai instructed her even though she knew that there were dangers involved. (Vs 15-16) She bravely states that she would do it and that if she perished, she perished. God honored her decision. The Providence of God is clearly seen.

This morning I want us to apply the circumstances of Esther to our own station in life.

First of all I want to address any here today who have never been saved by God's grace, I want you to understand that you are not here by accident this morning! You are here by Divine appointment! God wants you to see your need of a Savior today and be born again and become His child! God has brought you to this day and this time to understand the Gospel and to believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and be saved!
(Go over the Gospel!)

Now to those of us that are already saved, understand this morning that we that are saved by God's grace—we are the very children of God! In that we are blessed! But, God's purpose in saving us was more than just to take us to heaven! He has **saved us and brought us to His kingdom for His purposes, not our own!**

When the LORD saved Saul the persecutor, who became the Apostle Paul, the LORD Jesus Christ very clearly detailed to him the purpose for which he had been brought into the kingdom of God!
Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Although none of us had the Lord Jesus Christ appearing to us in a vision when we got saved, we do have **His Word that tells us HIS purpose and plan for our lives!** We have His Holy Spirit now living within and there is enough detail given us in the Word of God for us to figure it out!

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1 Corinthians 2:16—“...But we have the mind of Christ.”

Ephesians 5:17—“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”

God has brought us to this particular time and place to serve Him!

I want us to consider this morning some areas that **WE SHOULD KNOW THAT GOD HAD BROUGHT US TO HIS KINGDOM FOR** and then,

Lord willing, next week I want us to consider some areas that **WE SHOULD CONSIDER THAT GOD MAY WELL HAVE BROUGHT US TO HIS KINGDOM FOR!**

So, first, let's look at **SOME AREAS WE SHOULD KNOW THAT GOD HAS BROUGHT US TO HIS KINGDOM FOR:**

**I. GOD BROUGHT US TO HIMSELF THAT HE MIGHT DELIVER US FROM THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD!
(Galatians 1:3-4)**

A. This Present World Is Evil Because Of Sin!

- 1. It all goes back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden! (Genesis 1-3)**
- 2. Since that time this world has been ruled by Satan—full of cruelty, tragedy, temptation, and deception!**
- 3. But God made a Way for us to be reconciled to Him!**
- 4. God's Way—the LORD JESUS CHRIST—gave us deliverance!**
 - a. We have been delivered from sin's penalty! Death no longer has dominion over us!**

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- b. We have deliverance available from sin's power! (Explained in Romans 6)**
Being rescued from this evil world in this sense means that we are no longer enslaved by sin!

We have been saved to live for God!
(John 8:31-36)

- c. We one day will be delivered from sin's presence!**
We have been promised eternal life with God!

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II. GOD BROUGHT US TO HIMSELF AND LIVES WITHIN US SO THAT WE CAN BRING HIM GLORY IN OUR BODY AND IN OUR SPIRIT! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

A. Our Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit)! (Vs 19)

With the knowledge that we have the person of God living within, it should change our view of ourselves and what we do!

- 1. It Should Affect Where We Go!**
We take God with us wherever we go!
We should go nowhere where He cannot be glorified!
We should go nowhere where His presence cannot be manifest in our lives!
We should go nowhere that would grieve the Holy Spirit to be! (Ephesians 4:30)
- 2. It Should Affect What We Do!**
Whatever we do, God's Holy Spirit is within us!

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We should do nothing in which He cannot be glorified! (1 Corinthians 10:31)
We should not do things that would grieve the Holy Spirit!

Our Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Ghost...

B. We Have The Holy Spirit Living Within Because Of God!

1. For His Purposes!
2. For Our Benefit!

C. We Are Not Our Own, We Have Been Bought With A Price!

We don't have a right to do whatever we want to with our own bodies! Because they are not ours!

"Bought with a price" refers to slaves purchased at auction!

We have been freed from the enslavement of sin to serve our risen Lord!

D. God Wants Us To Bring Him Glory In Our Body And In Our Spirit!

Our Life Before Christ:

1. We were God's enemies!
2. We were Spiritually dead!
3. We were doomed because of our sins!
4. We went along with the crowd!
5. We were enslaved to Satan and sin!
6. We followed our flesh—evil thoughts and passions!

Our Life After Christ:

1. We are now God's children!
2. We are now Spiritually alive in Christ! (Eph 2:1)

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3. We are blessed by God's salvation with mercy and grace!
4. We now stand for Christ and truth!
5. We are now free in Christ!
6. We are led of the Spirit of God to please God!

Conclusion

Esther lived at a particular time and was in a particular place by the will of God to deliver God's people from what looked like certain destruction!

But could I tell you that God has seen fit for us to live in this particular age at this particular time in the particular place that we are in ALL FOR HIS PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES!

If you have never come to Christ for Salvation, His purpose is for you to come now!

2 Peter 3:9—"The Lord...is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2 Corinthians 6:2—"...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

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Who are you living your life for? Yourself? Or God?

Are you fulfilling God's revealed purpose for you—that is, to bring glory to Him in your body and in your spirit?