

“Hands On” God
Esther 5-6
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- 1) God’s hand is **ruling the rulers** (5:1-2; 6:1-30)
 - Proverbs 21:1 The king’s heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *Like* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.
- 2) God’s hand is **arranging the details** (5:9; 14 6:1-5)
 - Proverbs 16:9 A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.
- 3) God’s hand is **reversing the fortunes** (5:10-12; 6:6-10)
 - 1 Peter 5:5-7 “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- 4) God’s hand is **rewarding the faithful** (6:11-12)
 - Galatians 6:9 ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- 5) God’s hand is **holding his children** (5:3)
 - John 10:27-29 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand.

Simple lessons from Esther’s Crisis:

1. She was **bowed** with a crushing load -
2. She was **bound** to go a capricious King -
3. She was **bold** to go risking everything -
- We have a personal **invitation**
- We have a guarantee of **reception**
- We have **unlimited access**