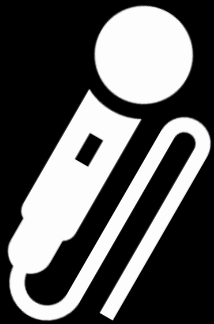




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GODS PROVISION THROUGH IMPERFECT PEOPLE

ESTHER #6: 6:1-13

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COINCIDENCE IS THE NON CHRISTIAN WORD FOR PROVIDENCE (VS 1-4A)

4 evidences for Gods providence

- Timing of the kings insomnia
- The kings choice of entertainment
- The servants choice of the section read
- The kings delay in rewarding Mordecai
- Haman's timely arrival at court



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The big idea is:

Don't question Gods providence but assume it.

Looking back at your life: where do you see
evidence of Gods providence?

>> Rom. 8:28



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First: God wants sinners to be saved!

>> Ez. 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9; Luke 15:7-10

**The same sun melts the ice and hardens the clay
(pharaoh vs Paul)**

**There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can
succeed against the Lord – Prov. 21:30**



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In Haman's mind this day could not get better:

1. Mordecai would see him honoured
2. Mordecai would hang
3. He would finish the day with a feast with the king and Esther

Haman went out to have Mordecai killed but ended up giving him the glory *he* wanted.

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble

>> James 4:6, 10; Prov. 16:5, 18



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Now, what did all this do with Mordecai?

- He saved the king, got nothing, kept serving
- He gets a parade and goes back to do his job
- Applause doesn't change humble people
 >> how humble am I, you?



PRIDE VS. HUMILITY (VS 4B-12A)

- Other words for pride are: self esteem, self love, self help, self actualization
- Humility means to know your place
- Everyone is proud, just in different ways
- Humility is a direction, not a destination. C.J. Mahaney: 'No one can ever say they're humble. All they can say is that they're a proud person pursuing humility by the grace of God'
- Humility is not thinking less about yourself but thinking about yourself less

>> a few questions to ask yourself...



WITHOUT REPENTANCE GRIEVING ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING (VS 12B-13)

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. – 2 Cor. 7:10

Worldly sorrow grieves the effects of sin, not the offence of sin.

The way out of pride is not to focus on being humble but to focus on Jesus' humility



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Worldly grief:

1. Horizontal grief
2. Emotional grief
3. Passive grief
4. Cowardly grief

Godly grief:

1. Vertical and horizontal
2. Produces sorrow
3. Readily confesses
4. Leads to action



JESUS IS A BETTER AND MORE HUMBLE SERVANT!

PHIL. 2:3-11

- Haman wanted to be the man in whom the king delights to honor but The King only delights to honor Jesus
- Haman never repented of his sins, Jesus didn't have to because He's sinless
- Haman plotted to kill all Gods people, Jesus came to save them
- Haman wanted te be honored publicly, Jesus was willingly shamed publicly
- Haman would not forgive one man, Jesus forgives anyone for anything
- Haman planned to kill his enemy, Jesus to die for them
- Haman raised himself and was brought down, Jesus humbled Himself and was raised up
- Haman longed for a parade for his glory, we long for second coming and parade for His glory
- Haman became proud, by Gods grace we can become humble

