

Recap of 10/13/19 (Esther 7:3-10):

1. Haman is not the first, not will he be the last to discover the futility of attacking God's people. He took on the Jews and discovered that that was a big mistake. His plot against the Jews was exposed by Esther. By exposing the plot, Esther reveals her nationality and identifies with the Jews.

2. Suddenly the tables are turned; Haman is on the defensive, pleading for his life. Neither Mordecai or Esther could have been clever enough to manipulate all the moving parts that were necessary for this turn of events. God is in control and is the source of peace for His people. -We don't manipulate the people and circumstances of our lives, but we do what we can (as Esther and Mordecai did) and trust the rest to the Lord.

3. "[Peace] is never found in trying to figure out the secret will of God. It's not to be found in personal planning or attempts to control the circumstances and people in your life. Peace is found in trusting the person who controls all the things that you don't understand and who know no mystery because he has planned it all. How do you experience this remarkable peace—the kind of peace that doesn't fade away when disappointments come, when people are difficult, or when circumstances are hard? You experience it by keeping your mind stayed on the Lord. The more you meditate on his glory, his power, his wisdom, his grace, his faithfulness, his righteousness, his patience, his zeal to redeem, and his commitment to his eternal promises to you, the more you can deal with mystery in your life....It really is true that peace in times of trouble is not found in figuring out your life, but in worship of the One who has everything figured out already." (Tripp)

-“Your king rules over everything that would discourage and disappoint you, and he rules for your good and his glory. What is out of your control is under his rule. What you don't understand is under his careful administration.”(Tripp)

4. The story of Haman illustrates truths found in Psalms and Proverbs:

-Psalm 9:16b “The wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.”

-Proverbs 11:8 “The righteous man is rescued from trouble, and it comes on the wicked instead.”