

A glimpse of God's justice

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- I. ESTHER PLEADS FOR THE LIVES OF THE JEWS AND EXPOSES HAMAN'S PLOT (ESTHER 7:1-6a; Psalm 73: 1-14).
 - A. Esther revealed to King Xerxes her request for her life and the lives of all Jews at their second banquet with Haman (7:1-4).
 - B. Esther identified Haman as the one trying to destroy her people the Jews (7:5-6a).
Principle: Faith is trusting God's just plan without knowing His plan, timing or outcomes for us personally (Hebrews 11:32-40).
- II. HAMAN PLEADS FOR HIS LIFE, BUT KING XERXES HAS HIM HUNG ON GALLOWS HE BUILT FOR MORDECAI (ESTHER 7:6b-10; PSALM 73:15-28).
 - A. King Xerxes left the room enraged at Haman who begged Esther for his life (7:6b-7).
 - B. When King Xerxes returned, he found Haman pleading on Esther's couch, making the king angrier (7:8).
 - C. Xerxes ordered Haman to be hung on the gallows Haman had built to hang Mordecai (7:9-10).
Principle: While evil seems to go unpunished, God ultimately will judge. We can rest in His presence until then (Psalm 73).