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THE RIGHT TIME FOR ESTHER

"...WHO KNOWETH WHETHER THOU ARE COME TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?" ESTHER 4:14b.

This is a wonderful story, even if there were no Spiritual application and nothing else transpired. But, as we all know throughout Scripture, God perpetuates His plan and His will by using people - His people. He rescues them and changes times and seasons in order to keep the plan on target.

In the Bible, God is always raising up someone and, always at the **"right-time!"** He keeps the plan ongoing over time by using many Esther's. Here, I'm thinking and, I must so ruminate upon, **"Am I one that God uses?"**

It is important to realize that every second of each day, God sits on His throne and controls things; no matter what portion of time it may be.

Therefore, in the time of man's salvation; whether, a Spiritual or a physical deliverance, we learn that God is concerned with people. He loves those who call upon Him and works through them to perform His will.

As we view God's eternal care for His creation, we see Him **"prop"** His righteous elbow on the **"window sill of eternity."** From His **"eternal-position- of-sight,"** the Lord sees and knows all things that may transpire. And, it's from eternity to eternity. He knows the beginning to the end and, further, He knows that it will be necessary to move upon His people, if they are to be safe.

God also knows that His people live and operate amidst others in the world. Thus, the good Lord must also take care of those who may oppose His will.

Jehovah will have to change some **"mind-sets"** throughout time; such as, Vasti, the Queen to Artaxerxes. Why do we think she refused the king's invitation? Why was she removed as queen? Why did the beautiful Esther appear among the virgins called as Vasti's replacement?

Well, it is in God's providential care for His people. Esther will become God's chosen one to work out the plan, keeping His people alive and headed toward the eternal city. The good Lord will raise up others, over and over, again throughout Scripture.

In fact, we have a motif (a theme) that runs through the Bible - from Genesis to Revelation. It's a plan that; not, only saves God's people and keeps His people moving onward, each of these smaller and lesser **"salvation- accounts"** are previews of God's final redemption we have in Christ Jesus.

God raises up His people and uses them to be types and shadows that preview His Spiritual plan in Christ. The previews of God's **"salvation-plan,"** include an innocent animal dying in order to cover Adam and Eve's sin; Joseph being raised up for Israel's protection and, we have the story of Esther that - turns the tables on their enemies, keeping His people safe.

Of course, there's many more **"little-saviors"** to learn. But, as Hebrews says, **"...time would fail me to tell of..."** (11:32). And, through this list of faithful people, we learn to trust the Lord a little better with each one we study. We learn that God is always changing troubles and woes into glorious events that honor Him and blesses those He raised up - His people.

Today carries the highest of all callings and eventful times. Based upon the glorious saving act of Jesus, the church has the duty to preach the "Good News" to all; telling the world that God will - without any doubt, remove and set up things according to His will. They need to trust Him.

But, today men have the **"slam-dunk"** attitude. You know the kind of thinking: **"He shoots and he scores!"** We want the end result to follow and turn around any action that's bad and, we want it immediately.

However, four years passed from the time that Vasti was executed until Esther was placed in her new position. And, it was not without risk on her part. She approached the king without his summons and, she set up a dinner engagement with the king and the bad guy, Haman.

Yet, it all worked out! Haman, not only hated Mordecai and the Jews, he constructed the gallows for them to be hanged. Haman should have known that the Jews were God's people. He was executed and the Jews were safe, once again.

Would it be necessary to say, **"Rest assured, God will work it out?"** I trow not; for God works things out in His own time. Whatever the time, where ever the place. God has a job for you to do and it's in His body, the church.

Learning about Esther takes away any doubt or question about our future in Christ. Therefore, let's all praise the Lord by meeting the challenge in our day. In the back of our minds, we might want to place the words that Mordecai told his niece, Esther: **"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement (help) and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place..."**
Esther 4:14a.