

Esther 5

Esther's Banquet

I. Esther's Faithful Action vs. 1-4

1. Esther finds boldness after three days of prayer and fasting much like the boldness of Christ after His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.
2. Faith in Christ produces faithful action.

Cross References: Luke 22:42, James 2:14-17

II. God's Perfect Timing vs. 5-8

1. God ordained the timing of the two banquets with Mordecai in mind.
2. **Question:** What are you waiting on the Lord for? Continue to pray and be patient.

III. Haman, the Epitome of the Flesh

1. The flesh has an unstable foundation
2. The flesh is never satisfied
3. The flesh is illogical

Cross References: Galatians 5:16-17, Matthew 5:5, 7:24-25, Ecclesiastes 2:4-11, Romans 8:5-9

Takeaway: We need to choose to live by the Spirit and for the Spirit submitting and beating our flesh into submission of the Spirit. As God's people let's choose to live out faithful action like Esther waiting for God's perfect timing as we deny our flesh.

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.