



Sunday Morning Sermon (by Ray Reynolds)
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"THE PROMOTION OF MORDECAI"

TEXT: Esther 6



Introduction: Have you ever had memory issues? Have you forgotten BIG, important things? The King had delayed promoting or honoring Mordecai for saving his life. It had been 5 years! In His infinite wisdom, God knew the proper time for Mordecai's promotion. Similar to Joseph, David, Daniel, and even Jesus, things happened in Mordecai's life when the time was right. Mordecai and Esther didn't know God's timetable but they did their best to wait on God (**Esther 4:14**). Things fell right into place when they were needed the most. God's timing was perfect! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Heroics of Mordecai (Esther 6:1-3)

- ◆ The chronicles showed the quick thinking of Mordecai.
- ◆ The coup of Bigthan and Teresh was avoided.
- ◆ The cleverness of Esther is present in both stories.
- ◆ The coincidence of the King's insomnia was providential.

II. The Honor of Mordecai (Esther 6:4-11)

- ◆ The King prepares a reward for Mordecai.
- ◆ Haman proposes a grand spectacle.
- ◆ Haman plans the honor of Mordecai.
- ◆ Neither Mordecai or Haman are proud of the parade.

III. The Humility of Mordecai (Esther 6:12-14)

- ◆ The King was happy with the decree.
- ◆ Mordecai did not let the honor go to his head.
- ◆ Haman was humiliated in the streets.
- ◆ Esther was about to hold a second banquet.

Conclusion: Pride was Satan's original sin (**Isaiah 14:14**) and it is a favorite weapon in his arsenal (**Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:3-9, I John 2:15-16**). We need to learn how to resist the devil and trust God's timing (**Romans 8:28**). This promotion might have seemed late on a human timetable, but it was right on time for God. **Ecclesiastes 3:11** says, "He makes all things beautiful in His time." May we all learn from Mordecai and Esther to wait on God. May we learn from the irrational behavior of the King and Haman. If we learn these lessons, the events of our lives will turn out right in the end. We must pursue contentment, faithfulness, and steadfastness. God is in control!