



Sunday Morning Sermon (by Ray Reynolds)
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"THE PEACE OF THE JEWS"

TEXT: Esther 9-10



Introduction: We probably take peace for granted. We can't really imagine why our enemies hate us or why foreign nations haven't learned to get along. World warfare may seem like a distant memory of the past or a chapter in our middle school history class textbook. The last war fought on American soil was about 150 years ago! This book was written so that we might remember the process to peace is not easy. What can we learn? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Fear of the People (Esther 9:1-4)

- ◆ Hebrew prophesies were true.
- ◆ Hebrew past (history) was repeating itself, again.
- ◆ Hebrew people were filled with hope.

II. The Fight for Survival (Esther 9:5-17)

- ◆ The Jews did not seek warfare.
- ◆ The Jews did not seek wealth.
- ◆ The Jews did not seek worldly things.

III. The Feasting of the Nation (Esther 9:18-32)

- ◆ Fasting was replaced with feasting.
- ◆ Fighting was replaced with fellowship.
- ◆ Fear was replaced with faith.

IV. The Fame of the King (Esther 10:1-2)

- ◆ The king grew in power.
- ◆ The king grew in prestige.
- ◆ The king grew in popularity.

V. The Favor of Mordecai (Esther 10:3)

- ◆ He was exalted by the King.
- ◆ He was extoled by the people
- ◆ He is an example to all who read Esther.

Conclusion: We long for the peace that God can provide. However, we cannot forget that the major characters in Esther were comfortable with whatever fate God chose for them! Peace or no peace. They were humble and reluctant for the limelight. In the end, God blessed them for trusting Him.