

The Book of ESTHER

**A DRUNKEN boastful display
Of his excellent majesty,
Marble, glorious riches,
Displayed for all to see.
But real pride was in her beauty;
He would display her before the world.
He sent his men to get her,
But Pride refused his words.
“Put aside that prideful woman.
Give another her royal estate;
Give it to someone better.
Put that woman, Pride, away.”**

ESTHER 1

¹In the days of Ahasuerus, he had some things to gloat about, he reigned from India to Ethiopia; one hundred and twenty-seven provinces; this placed his power beyond doubt.
²He reigned from Shushan the palace,
³and in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all the princes and nobles in his domain.
⁴He showed the riches of his kingdom; indeed it was glorious.
The honor of his great majesty, pride was lifted up.
One hundred and eighty days of feasting,
⁵but when those days were done, he made a feast for all the people who were present in Shushan, everyone.
The feast was for seven days; in the garden court of the palace it was kept. It was for all people small and great.
⁶The court was designed just like this: white, green and blue hangings, fine linen cords of purple on silver rings, marble columns and couches of gold and silver.
Red, blue, white and black marble made the pavement.
⁷They all drank from golden vessels, all of a different kind, and in accordance with the king's state there was an abundance of royal wine.
⁸They drank according to the law; none was forced to drink by pressure, but as the king ordered his officers, each man did to his own pleasure.
⁹Queen Vashti, too, was feasting in the royal house.
It was a feast held just for women;
There was pride to think about!
¹⁰When the king's heart was made merry, on the seventh day, as wine began to work,

he would display his greatest beauty,
A topping for dessert!
He commanded the seven eunuchs who served in his presence
¹¹to bring Queen Vashti before the king so all could get a glimpse; so all could see her beauty, for she was fair if one should look.
¹²But in pride she refused his request, and the king with anger shook.
¹³Then the king said to the wise men, the ones who knew the times, for such was his manner to those who knew the law and were wise.
¹⁴There were seven princes of Persia and Media who sat first in the kingdom and saw the king's face.
¹⁵“What do we do to that woman who heard the king's words but disobeyed?”
¹⁶Memucan gave an answer,
“The queen did not do you wrong alone, but to the princes and all the people in the provinces and all around.
When other women hear this, their husbands will be despised, that you commanded your desire and in pride, she turned away her eyes.
¹⁷“When the women of Persia and Media hear of this Queen Vashti's path,
¹⁸they will despise all the kings' princes; there will be too much contempt and wrath.
¹⁹“If it pleases the king then do this, send out a royal command written in the laws of Persia and Media that can never be altered, that she will never stand before you; she must no more see your face.
Give her estate to someone better; let another take her place.
²⁰“When it is published in the empire, pride will understand, for though she is loved and great in beauty, in herself she cannot stand.
And wives will give their husbands honor, both the great and the small ones.”
When they know there is one conclusion, for the prideful woman.
²¹It pleased the king and princes to do what Memucan said.
²²He sent letters to all provinces, in every province it was read that every man should rule in his very own house; that it should be published in every language,

to every people all about.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Whether you are in the palace or anywhere in the earth, remember who is King.*
2. *Party on the king's pleasure but understand it is a privilege that comes with positioning; remove praise and gratitude and you party on his displeasure.*
3. *Nothing drives away presence like ingratitude; nothing attracts presence like praise with obedience. Praise positions the heart for proximity.*
4. *Never be so carried away in your palace that you forget your place. Never be so carried away with your position that you forget your positioning.*
5. *Pride is the flag bearer for your fall, a haughty spirit is the flag bearer for your destruction, humility is the flag bearer for your glory.*
6. *To honor does not require agreement or emotional consensus, it is the compulsion to duty. You are required to honor because you will not always agree, love or like.*
7. *Never try your martial disagreements in the public court otherwise you will never escape the public shame whether you are right or wrong.*
8. *You are never too important, too lovely, too efficient to be replaced, keep striving for excellence with the mindset that there is always someone waiting to take your place.*

PRAYER POINTS

- King of kings, I honor You; I bring to You praise and thanksgiving every day. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I drive away the spirit of Queen Vashti from this generation; I call everyone to humility in obedience to Your word. Amen.
- My Father, my God, give me the attitude to honor authority at all times, even when I disagree with their lifestyle and direction, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, help me never to get so caught up in my position that I forget the laws that govern my positioning.
- God of my breakthroughs, I acknowledge You. Amen.

WHAT are the things that you consider, When you are looking for a queen?
One with a godly heritage;
She can be found where God is seen.
One who is purified;
Do you desire to have the pure,
One who will leave the "put ons"
And come with real heart's beauty and no more.
One who will captivate you with beauty
And will find favor in all men's sight?
How about this last thing?
Someone who will save your life.

ESTHER 2

¹King Ahasuerus, *what are the things that you consider?*

Is your wrath now appeased?
 Are you thinking of Queen Vashti
 and the things you have decreed?

²Will you listen to your servants?

"Consider a virgin young and fair;

³let the king appoint officers,
 to gather them all and bring them here.

To the palace of Shushan
 let the young virgins be brought,
 in the custody of Hegai, to the women's house.
 Yes, and consider purity:
 let them be purified.

⁴And the woman who pleases you,
 will be your new queen and your new wife."

⁵Near the palace in Shushan,
 there was a Jew named Mordecai,
 son of Jair, son of Shimei,
 son of Kish, a Benjamite.

⁶He was carried captive from Jerusalem
 with Jeconiah who was king,
 carried into Babylon;
 and there he remained and lived.

⁷Mordecai brought up Hadassah,
 who was his uncle's child;
 he took her as his daughter,
 when his aunt and uncle died.
 She was a virgin, fair and beautiful.

Is this the queen you like?

⁸When the king's decree was heard,
 she seemed to fit just right.
 She was gathered to the palace
 in the company of the rest;
 placed with Hegai the keeper.

But there is class, out class and best!

Here is something to consider,

one whose deportment pleases the mind!

⁹Hegai the keeper will tell you,
 that is why his treatment of her was kind.
 He gave her the things of purification
 without delay, in fact, with speed.

You would think he was the lucky man,

but he knew just what a king would need.

She got all that belonged to her,
 and seven maid servants, too,
 who were assigned from the king's house;
 but from the day they met he knew.

Hegai gave her and her maidens preference
 to the best place of the house;

¹⁰she did not reveal her family or her people;
 Mordecai charged her not to let it out.

One more thing to consider,
parental care was right.

¹¹Every day Mordecai came before the women's court

to ensure his little girl was alright.

¹²There were twelve months purification,
 six with myrrh, six with odours sweet,
 and other things of purification
 before the final meet.

When you consider your queen,
never forget this part:

not only a purified body,
but indeed, a purified heart!

¹³To go before the king,
 each woman got anything she desired.

¹⁴She went in, in the evening,
 and in the morning she was retired
 to be kept with the concubines,

never to see the king again unless he delighted in her and called the young woman by name.

¹⁵Her name was Esther, the daughter of Abihail,

who was as Mordecai's very own.

Here is another for you seekers; in her request it was clearly shown!

"I want nothing to put on;

I go with purity alone.

If it is I the king desires,

then what he will get is me, no more."

She said, "Give me and I will take it, just the necessities you appoint!"

She attracted favor in everybody's sight.

¹⁶Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus in the seventh year of his reign.

From the moment he saw her, he knew it would not let her go out again.

¹⁷Loved above all the women, she found favor in his sight.

You can stop deliberation.

There you have it, Queen Esther!

He set the royal crown on her head

¹⁸and made a great feast, Esther's feast, and gave gifts according to his state, and a holiday to the provinces he released.

¹⁹The second time the virgins gathered, Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

²⁰Esther had not yet revealed her family; Mordecai had charged his girl to wait.

She followed his commandment, *just like daddy's obedient girl!*

A bond of respect existed

that was not readily untwined.

²¹As Mordecai sat in the king's gate, there he overheard,

two of the palace servants, Bigthan and Teresh,

planning to kill the king in their wrath, *as it were!*

I know you've stopped deliberating,

but you will know your choice was right

when you have in your palace

a queen who will save your life!

²²Mordecai told Esther,

and Esther notified the king;

²³he made an inquiry,

and the treacherous two were hanged.

It was written in the chronicles.

But you have one chance in life,

and to know what to consider

is to find your Queen Esther!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Character is not something that you draw out, it is something that draws you out; it is not in your presentation but in your representation.
2. You can dress the body but you cannot dress the spirit; it sweetly attracts those who will not be distracted by the glitter.
3. Live to please God only and you will attract the favor of men; minister to the spirit and men will minister to you.

4. Put off the 'put ons' and present the real you, then your make-up will not be the cause of your break-up.

5. The real you may be disguised by pretence but marriage has a way to bring it out; bring out the real you at the beginning and your marriage will build you up, beautify and strengthen you.

6. The short gust you detect in your dating, will become a hurricane in your marriage, never let emotions distract you from the necessary issues.

7. Find yourself and your husband will find you; get lost in trying to be what you are not and you will get lost to good and searching hearts; and even if you are found in marriage, when the true you comes out marriage may tell you 'get lost'.

8. Find yourself before you seek to find a husband or a wife; learn to love yourself before you go seeking the love of others.

9. Be comfortable with you for that is one thing marriage can never satisfy.

10. Marriage exacerbates what the heart does not appreciate.

11. So what do you consider, someone who is real, good family background, good relationship with parents, loyalty, character that attracts love, I give you your Queen Esther.

PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, I soak my dating and marriage in the blood of Jesus, help me not to make a mistake in Jesus name.
- Merciful Father, bring to me my Rebekah, so I will see and receive her with the eyes of the Spirit and not with the eyes of flesh, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- God of love, do not let attraction and emotions become my distraction and demotion in Jesus name; help me to pay attention in the short time of dating, so I will not pay dearly in my lifetime of marriage.
- Eternal Father, visit the family foundations of my spouse with restoration fire; break generational curses and make the necessary corrections now, in Jesus name.

IF his name is Haman,

When he comes, just bow down.

Exalted by great power,

He will not be content to strike you down,

**But will destroy all your people,
Women and children, young and old.**

If your name is Mordecai,

Bow your knees to God alone.

ESTHER 3

¹Indeed his name was Haman;

he was an Agagite.

The king promoted him in the kingdom above the princes in his might.

²The king's servants in the king's gate knew the name of Haman, so they revered him with a bow; but there was one who showed no reverence; *You guessed, his name was Mordecai.*

The king had commanded it

³so the king's servants daily said,

"Why transgress the king's commandments?"

But Mordecai kept a level head.
He would not give heed to them;
4they told Haman so he knew,
to see his excuse would be adequate,
that it is because he was a Jew.

*@For those who will be standing
when many others fall,
know that when great men are angry,
God will defend His laws!*

5When Haman saw Mordecai did not bow
to the exalted and the great,
neither did he show reverence,
then he was full of wrath that day.

6It would be an insult for such a great man
to lay hands on him alone;
no, Haman would destroy all Jews
throughout the whole kingdom.

7It was the first month of the twelfth year
of Ahasuerus who was king;
Haman stood day-to-day and month-to-
month,
and they cast lots before him.

8Haman said to Ahasuerus,
“There is a people scattered abroad
among all your provinces,
and they have their own law;
they do not keep the king’s laws.
If you let them live you profit not.

9Let it be written to destroy them!
He thickened the plot,

“I pay ten thousand talents of silver
to those in charge of this business;
and king, I will pay it into your treasuries.”

10The king gave Haman his signet ring,
and Haman was let loose;
the son of Hammedatha,
the enemy of the Jews.

11The king said, “I give to you the silver;
I give you the people too.

You have all the power, Haman;
what seems good to you, this do.”

12So the king’s scribes were called in
and wrote Haman’s commands:
To the lieutenants and governors
in every province throughout the land,
to the rulers in every province,
every people, tribe and tongue,
in the name of Ahasuerus;
sealed with his ring, *cannot be undone.*

13They sent the letters out by post.
It had every Jew aching then:

“All the Jews both young and old,
annihilate, destroy and kill.
Do not spare the children,
or the mothers or the young;
on the twelfth day of month Adar
in one day it must be done.

Here is something to entice you:
take their plunder for yourselves.

14Publish this letter to all people;
let them be ready against the day.”

15Because of the king, the post was hastened;
the decree reached to the palace
while the conniving Haman sat drinking;

there was one mood, for all “perplexed.”
*Men must know, if his name is Haman,
when he comes you just bow down.
Yet if your name is Mordecai,
Bow your knees to God alone!*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. It is best to be lifted down than to be lifted up. Your greatest exaltation is on your knees. Your highest promotion is humility.
2. Never be so important that you make God your opponent in order to defend your pride.
3. They may be infuriated at your stance against their idolatrous laws and ways, but if your stance is on the word of God, all heaven stands in ovation.
4. Never oppose authority except in defence of the laws of God; never infuriate authority unless you are invigorated by zeal for God.
5. Never be surprised at how evil the plot against you gets, evil is always lurking waiting for opportunities.
6. If it is in defence of His laws, His laws will stand in defence of you, and He will stand to see it through.

PRAYER POINTS

- O God, the all-knowing God, arise and defend Your laws in this nation, and in the strong nations of the world, in Jesus name.
- All consuming Fire, arise in Your mighty power and judge every authority that seeks to challenge and change Your laws to suit their lifestyle, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, release indignation from on high against every altar, person or spirits opposing believers who will not compromise. Amen.
- I speak grace to every person afflicted because of their faith; use their situation to show Your glory, O God. Amen.

**SUCH bitter times of grieving,
Such heart-rending cries.
God will certainly deliver,
But I cannot escape His “Eye.”
Such a hard assignment
In such a time of blitz,
But perhaps I am placed here,
For such a time as this.**

ESTHER 4

1It came from Mordecai,
a loud and bitter cry.

It came from all the Jews,
wailing, fasting tear-filled eyes.
When Mordecai perceived it,
with sackcloth, ashes and his clothes torn,

2he came before the king’s gate,
and his bitterness was known.
He did not enter the king’s gate;
no one could enter with sackcloth.

3Meanwhile there was a great mourning
among the Jews,
weeping, wailing, near and far.

4When Esther’s maids and servants told her,
the queen exceeded in her grief.
Whatever touched her uncle,

reached her heart as if through a sieve. They sent garments to clothe Mordecai, but he received them not; at such a time new garments, could not replace sackcloth.

⁵So Esther sent Hathach, the palace servant appointed to her, to see why Mordecai grieved and what all this was for.

⁶And Hathach went out to Mordecai, in the city square which was before the king's gate and he met him there.

⁷Mordecai told him of what happened, of the money Haman would pay to destroy all the Jews, even in just one day.

⁸He gave him a copy of the decree and gave to her a charge, to go in to the king to make a request for the Jews' lives, yes, for them all.

⁹Esther read the letter, and as she fashioned her reply this was a difficult moment.

But there it was, again "God's Eye."

¹⁰She sent again through Hathach, "Give Mordecai these commands;

¹¹You and all the people, know how much this is hard. Whoever enters the inner courts of the king and is not called shall be put to death; man or woman, there is one law. Except the king should hold out his sceptre made of gold, only then he may live.

But my father, let it be known, for the past thirty days I have not been called, not one time."

¹²Her servant told her words to Mordecai.

But then again there was that "Eye."

¹³Mordecai returned an answer, "It is such a bitter fate, just because you are in the king's house do not think you shall escape.

There shall be deliverance, ¹⁴even if you hold your peace; deliverance for the Jews, shall come from another place. But not so for your father's house in such a time of blitz; who knows, perhaps you are in the kingdom for such a time as this."

¹⁵So Esther returned an answer;

Was it the words of Mordecai? The truth was so soul reaching, but then again, there was that "Eye."

¹⁶"Gather all the Jews in Shushan and fast with me for three days; do not eat or drink three days and nights; I will also prepare my ways. My maid servants and I will fast too, and then I will go in to the king;

if I perish, then I perish."

But by God's dictates I will.

¹⁷So Mordecai departed and did all Esther commanded him to do.

Will you risk your life for God's truth? "God's Eye" is upon you.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Your position of promotion must never cause you to forget where you are coming from; your shoot should never cause you to forget your roots; engage it or it will not support you.
2. Never get so comfortable in your promotion, position or place that you forget your assignment.
3. Believers who forget they are ambassadors of grace in the earth will end up disgraced.
4. The things you hide from and ignore will catch up with you in your sleep. Wake up and confront the issues to ensure you wake without the issues confronting you.
5. You may be named queen or king but unless you rise up and address kingdom issues you will never reign as queen or king. Esther never reigned with her husband until she intervened.
6. If you speak up for Jesus in this wicked and evil generation, He will speak up for you to defend you before His Father in Heaven. There is no better lawyer than the person who died for your defense.
7. Your birth, nationality and positioning are no mistake; this is your time; you are strategically positioned and divinely designed and assigned for such a time as this.
8. There is no moment as this moment and no one like you to fit the assignment of the moment.
9. There are no two persons to fit the assignment upon you; you may feel inadequate but your God is over-adequate; His grace is sufficient.
10. Self preservation is the greatest opposition to your destiny and to the cause of the kingdom on earth; be ready to perish for the imperishable gospel; be willing to die so others may live.
11. There is a strong place for fasting and prayer when dealing with issues affecting the people of God and the Kingdom of our Father in this earth.
12. Those who will save their lives will lose it; your unwillingness to participate may delay but will never deter the gospel.
13. Whenever you contemplate the cost of your assignment, remember, you are in the kingdom because others sacrificed.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, help me to understand and embrace my assignment in this earth in Jesus name; let me be faithful to my kingdom and my King in this pilgrim land, in Jesus name.
- Lord, forgive me if I have shrunk from my assignment here on earth, in Jesus name.
- King of Glory, give me the courage and grace to properly represent You on my assignment here, in Jesus name.
- Lord Jesus, help me not to get so comfortable with the earth I am assigned to, that I forget or neglect my assignment here, in Jesus name.
- Most High God, let the bitterness of the Jews under threat in the days of Esther, be the bitterness that grips your church under threat of moral decay in this present darkness. Let it move us to prayer and fasting and personal risk to intervene, in Jesus name.

NOT bad, she has found favor; the king invites her to come.

Not bad, she has been offered up to half of the kingdom.

Not yet, I have a banquet, but you must not come alone;

Not yet, but tomorrow my desire will be known.

Not bad, I am invited to the banquet of the queen,

But bad for me each time my eye sees Mordecai, that spiteful thing.

That's not bad for you my lord; make it bad for him.

ESTHER 5

¹On the third day Esther put on the royal garment.

*Then she saw it was not bad.
Her eyes saw the golden sceptre,
and her heart the hand of God.*

She stood in the inner court,
while the king sat on his throne.

²When the king saw the queen standing there,
his approval and favor was made known.

She was relieved to see the sceptre pointed in
her way;

as she drew near and touched the sceptre,
“Not bad!” is all that came.

³Then the king said, “Ask and I give you, Esther--”

*She bade “not bad” to go away.
“--even to half my kingdom.”*

Now “good” had come her way!

⁴Not yet, “I will show you,
but not yet, O my king;
but if it seems good, let you and Haman
come to the banquet I have prepared for him.”

She played on his jealousy.

*He must have thought it strange,
his queen had prepared a banquet
for Haman and not for him.*

⁵So the king said, “Cause Haman
to do the queen’s bid with haste.”

They came together to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Not yet, I see impatience!

⁶The king said, “Tell me now your petition!”

Oh, good, for he repeated,

“Even to half of my kingdom.

My expansive empire, request and you shall have.”

Not yet, O king, “A banquet; I will tell you at the next one.”

⁷“This is my request and my petition:

⁸Tomorrow I will surely tell.

I have prepared another banquet;
let the king and Haman come as well.

O king, not yet, but if it pleases you,
come tomorrow; I will make it known.”

*The thing that I have prepared,
will take some wine to swallow down.*

⁹Haman went out joyful;
his heart was very glad,
but when he saw Mordecai

in one moment he was mad.

He was moved with indignation,
for Mordecai never stood.

*When pride is not acknowledged,
it will take the pleasure out of the good!*

¹⁰But Haman restrained himself.

He would not bear this alone;

he called his wife, Zeresh,

and his friends when he got home.

¹¹He spoke of his glory and his riches
and the many sons of his.

He felt high because he was promoted
above all the king’s princes.

As he talked his spirit lifted,

and he gave them a wry smile;

¹²“I was invited to Esther’s banquet.”

Hold on, hey wait a while!

“No other man came with the king;

she invited none, no other man.

I am invited again tomorrow.”

And they patted him, “Not bad!”

¹³But then his eyes turned pale with sadness,

“All of this is nothing to me;

Mordecai the Jew

destroys all the good I feel.

It is bad as long as this Jewish fellow
sits in the gate of the king.”

¹⁴Then they said, “You have no problem,
just make it bad for him.

Build for him a gallows fifty cubits high;

speak to the king tomorrow,
for on it he shall surely die.”

Then *sing “not bad”* on to the banquet

where the queen’s request awaits the king.

They say, as Haman built the gallows;

he did not know just what was bad for him!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. The favor of the Lord is like rain if you are willing to sacrifice yourself for His great name.
2. Not every banquet you are invited to should be accepted, not every wine you swallow can be digested.
3. Your glory is not glory when something menial changes your story, let go of the menial and embrace your glory.
4. Never let a Mordecai with no place, position or recognition keep you from enjoying yours.
5. If it can take your spirits down it can take you down, choose to be grateful and joyful inspite of.
6. Not everyone will bow to you in your own kingdom, do not let it stop you from excelling.
7. If you build traps for others you are exposed and vulnerable; if you grab publicly the undercurrent will grab you privately.
8. Never pick a quarrel with a nation when all you have is an issue with one person.
9. Do your homework and choose your battles well; if you discover you fight God, you are never strong enough, step back; run.
10. How bad do you need to be acknowledged? Do an assessment and turn your meter down quickly.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, if it is about me, let it die, if it is about You let it live so I can experience Esther’s favor, in the name of Jesus.

- Father, if it is about You let it live, if it is about me let it die, so I will not ensnare myself like Haman, in Jesus' name.
- Father God, give me discernment so I will know which drink is good for ingesting and which banquet is for my glory, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father and my King, help me never to get angry when I am opposed, but instead, when You are opposed, and Your laws are violated. Help me never to put myself, my feelings and my interest, before or above the kingdom's, in the name of Jesus.

**WHILE your enemies cannot sleep,
Working hard to destroy you,
The king cannot sleep,
God's designing work for the enemy to do.
It starts with; "What would be your desire,
If you were the king's delight?"
When you are through go on home,
Your wife prophesies tonight.**

ESTHER 6

¹It was a night of tossing and turning;
the king could not sleep.

*God was designing work,
for the enemy's keep.*

He said, "Bring the chronicled records before
me and let them now be read."

When they read the story of Mordecai,
they saw the gentle nod of the king's head.

²It was found there written
about the keepers of the door,
how they sought to lay hands on the king,
but by Mordecai he was made secure.

³He said, "What has been done to honor this
man?"

They said, "Nothing." And when he knew, he
had peace.

*This was the hand of God at work;
it was the reason he could not sleep.*

⁴Haman had come into the king's court
to speak to the king,
to hang Mordecai on the gallows;
but the king had work for him.

The king said, "Who is in the king's court?"

⁵They told him, "Haman is the one."

The king said, "Let him come in;
I have something urgent to be done."

⁶The king said to Haman,
"Tell me what shall be done,
to the man that I delight to honor?"

Haman thought,
'Who can it be but me alone?
Who can it be but Haman?'

*A man of glory, honor and might,
even the one the queen invited,
that is now the king's delight.*

⁷So Haman returned an answer,
"Do this for the one in whom you delight;

⁸let them bring royal robes,
the king's own, that is just right.
Bring the horse that the king rides on;
yes, you shall do this thing,
and the crown royal on the king's head."

I want to be just as the king!

⁹"Deliver them to the king's most noble princes;

let them array the man with it,
the one that you delight to honor.
Bring him on horseback through the streets,
then let them proclaim before him,

'So shall it be done
to the man the king delights to honor.'"

God gave Haman the 'know how'.
¹⁰The king said, "Haman, make haste,
take the apparel and the horse;
do this to Mordecai the Jew."

You could have seen his smile drop off.

"Let nothing fail that you have spoken."

He wished he had failed to speak so much!

¹¹It was a dejected Haman,
who led Mordecai on horseback.

Adorned in the king's beauty,
the man who would not bow to him he led.

If God is who you honor,

God will make them bow to you instead.

*Or just to lead you around on horseback,
throughout the city streets,
and to proclaim before you,*

"This is the man the king delights to honor!"

¹²Mordecai returned to the king's gate,
while Haman covered his head.

He hastened to his house in mourning,
as if it was his people who were sold for dead.

¹³When he told his wife and friends his fortunes,

he heard the prophecy of them all:

"If Mordecai is of the descendants of the Jews,
then you have already started to fall. You shall
surely fall before him; you shall not prevail.

Every thought on him except for honor
is a thought that is bound to fail."

¹⁴While he tried to swallow what they were
saying,

the king's palace servants came to him there.
They hastened Haman to the queen's banquet;

another course had been prepared.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Though your eyes have not seen, God is working behind the scenes, so keep praying until you see Him.*
2. *People are losing sleep because of you, not just your enemy, but your destiny helpers.*
3. *Let your enemy do the leg work, the Lord your God is deft at switching things up at the last minute.*
4. *Pride is the flagship for a shipwreck; it will cause you to be lost at sea parading your enemy's glory.*
5. *God will use the sweat of your enemies to promote you, their negative energy will pack the foundation of your exaltation.*
6. *God gives you a minor victory to let you know He is working; stop worrying and celebrate the cross.*
7. *We have all had a significant victory; your enemy has already been paraded publicly; if He gave His Son freely for you, how much more will He freely give you all things?*
8. *It does not matter what it looks like in your eyes;*

take a glimpse through His eyes and the picture changes drastically.

PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, disappoint the expectation of my enemies, in Jesus name.
- Mighty Father, harness my enemies to proclaim my glory in Jesus name.
- Lord I thank You for the increased and tireless activities of the opposition in my life, it tells me that promotion is at hand, in Jesus name.
- My Father, my God, trouble the sleep of my destiny helpers right now, give them no rest until they understand and fulfil Your commands concerning me, in Jesus name. Amen.
- I declare that I shall not die, but live and represent my King and His Kingdom on earth, in Jesus name.

**TRAPPED, but not as bondmen;
Delivered to death is what.
“Even as we speak, my king,
Know that your queen is trapped.”
He felt a trap was springing;
Haman be careful, you can’t do that.
Your own gallows await you;
I guess the word is “trapped.”**

ESTHER 7

¹So it was that the king and Haman came to the banquet of the queen. *There was still hope in bitterness, or, is it that she baited him?*

²On this second day of banquet, the king asked Esther one more time, “What is your request? I will grant it up to half this kingdom of mine. What is your petition, Queen Esther?”

³Esther started her reply, “If in your eyes king I have found favor, all I ask is for my life. Give me the life, too, of my people;

⁴“we are sold and that is what. Someone seeks to destroy us. Your queen, O king, is trapped. If we were trapped and sold as bondmen, I would not feel so much pain, but my people and I are now sold to be destroyed and to be slain.”

⁵King Ahasuerus answered Esther, “Who could presume this in his heart?” *While there was a silent listener who wished for a passage through the earth.*

⁶“The enemy is wicked Haman.” These words were like a slap. He was afraid before the royals. There was no escape; he was trapped.

⁷The king rose up from the banquet in great wrath and walked away; he went into the palace gardens while Haman got on his knees. *This was hard food for digesting; he never knew she would serve that.* He begged Queen Esther for his life. *Quietly open up this trap.*

⁸The king returned from the garden; what he saw made him go red: in desperation Haman had fallen, on his Queen Esther’s... BED!
“Will you also force my queen before me?”
And as the words left the king’s mouth, they covered the face of Haman. Now there was no way out.

⁹Then Harbonah a palace servant said, “O king, even this night there is a gallows prepared by Haman; fifty cubits, I know the height. It was prepared for Mordecai, who of you has spoken good. It is even standing in Haman’s house.”
The king said, “Hang him on that wood.”

¹⁰So Haman was hanged on the gallows that he made. *(A trap was prepared for him, but he prepared the blade. Can you destroy the stars of heaven? Oh, no, you can’t do that. Can you destroy the seed of Abraham? I guess the word is “trapped.”*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Crafty plans for crafty enemies.*
2. *When your enemies are blinded with hate they will not see what is coming.*
3. *Never get comfortable at being the centre of a queen’s private banquet with her husband, jealousy will topple his high regard for you.*
4. *Let nothing and no one steal the joy of God’s blessings from your heart, for the blessings follow the joy.*
5. *Pride has no justifiable argument in the court of heaven; never let it enlist you as its lawyer.*
6. *When you fight unjustly, you will never know what you are fighting and where it will show up.*
7. *Before you prepare gallows to hang your neighbor, consider that it works just as well for you.*
8. *Your destiny is in your own hands, build bridges instead of traps.*
9. *Your expectation of good is a delusion if your thoughts and actions are evil.*
10. *Ride high but walk blamelessly and in love; there is always someone waiting for your tables to turn to tell your secrets.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have prepared me a table in the presence of my Hamans and they can do nothing about it. Amen.
- O Lord God of my fathers, let my enemies fall into your love instead of the traps that they have made, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful and forgiving God, bless those who hate me and spitefully use me; remove every hate, resentment and vindictiveness from my heart, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, I command every negative seed that I have planted in my life to be rooted out and die, in the name of Jesus.
- Lover of my soul, baptize me with discernment now; I refuse to laugh and drink unaware of the traps of the enemy, in Jesus name.

THANK God for new beginnings;

**Haman was destroyed, but first
He did damage with the king's seal
That could not be reversed.
This call for counteraction,
And when you get the news,
Join the Jews in their rejoicing;
It paid then to become Jews.**

ESTHER 8

*In with Esther and Mordecai,
Haman was filtered out.*

¹On that day King Ahasuerus gave Esther and Mordecai Haman's house. Esther told the king of her relation to Mordecai the Jew,

²and he gave him the ring of Haman, the moment he heard the news.

*A day of new beginnings,
with spirits lifted high;
but it is hard to start right over
when something is not right.*

³Esther fell down before the king and spoke to him with tears to put away Haman's mischief.

It was stifling the air.

⁴She saw the golden sceptre held out and pointed her way. She rose up and stood before the king. *Thanks be to God! He has heard my plea!*

⁵She said, "King, if I have found favor, and if this thing to you seems right, and king, if I am pleasing, then grant me my desire.

Let it be written to reverse, O king, this very day the letters designed by Haman.

Let them be put away. Remove his device to destroy the Jews.

⁶O king, know for sure, if I see this evil on my people, your queen cannot endure."

⁷Then the king said to Esther, and to Mordecai the Jew, "The house that belonged to Haman, have I not given it to you?

He was hung on the gallows because of this very thing.

⁸"Now write as you see fit in the name of your king. Write it in the king's name, seal it with the king's own seal; a writing of this manner, can never be repealed."

⁹So it was in the third month and on the twenty-third day that the king's scribe was called in to put Haman's work away.

"Write it to all," Mordecai commanded, "Jews, deputies and lieutenants, in all of the provinces that are under the king's hand, from India to Ethiopia."

One hundred and twenty-seven was the count,

to every people, nation, language and tongue.

¹⁰It was written in the king's name, and with his ring it was sealed.

By post, horsemen, dromedaries, the writing was delivered.

¹¹It read, "The king has granted to all Jews the right to stand up for their life; to gather in every city, counteract their enemies and fight.

Destroy the destroyer, cause to perish, yes to slay, all the power of the people who would take your labor for a prey, and assault your women and your little ones as well.

¹²On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, make your rage be felt.

¹³"Let the copy of this writing be distributed to all men.

Let the Jews be ready, against the day for revenge."

¹⁴So the post went out on mules and camels; the decree moved fast along.

It also reached Shushan the palace, expressed by the king's commands.

¹⁵Mordecai was royally appalled: clothed in blue and also likewise, a great crown of gold and beauty. He would bring the Jews delight.

Thank God for new beginnings;

Mordecai could now accept a crown, and fine linen with purple garment, for things had turned around.

Rejoice in Shushan's city, rejoice all and be glad.

¹⁶The Jews had gladness, joy and honor, where before they were pained and sad.

¹⁷In every province, every city, where the post decreed the news, there was feasting and rejoicing, and many became Jews.

*When you see Mordecai's glory,
when fear grips crown to sole,
drop your weapons of destruction;
it pays to become Jews, you all.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Never join an evil plot or you will be taken down with the cast.
2. Be ready to intercede for a nation under the enemy's sword of death; pray as if your own life is at stake; it is.
3. Never use another person's quarrel to validate your own hatred for when that person is removed you will have to face your hatred alone.
4. No one like Jehovah to turn it around in your favor.
5. God will promote you for you to promote Him and His kingdom; He will put a crown on your head for you to crown His people.
6. Your last minute-miracle was released from the first minute of your faith. Hold that position and wait for manifestations.
7. If you are committed, consistent and faithful, be assured, power must change hands.
8. You may not be able to stop the enemy's evil plan but you can fight back and remove the enemy's

evil hand.

9. *Among your stubborn detractors there are many defectors who when they see they cannot beat you they will join you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- God of wonders, I thank You that You consistently demote the exalted and You exalt the meek. Help me to keep my heart positioned for promotion, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- My Father, my God, let the favor with which You favored Mordecai fall upon me now, in Jesus' name.
- I declare that today, power must change hands in my life, in the name of Jesus. I claim the wealth, the territory, and the authority of my enemies, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**IN the day of feasting and of gladness,
Let portions be sent;
For the portions of all your enemies
Have been ripped away and rent.
Send gifts to the poor,
If salvation brings new joy;
Set aside a time to reflect
On God's work in your life.**

ESTHER 9

¹It was the thirteenth day of Adar—spread to everyone the news—the day when pain and tribulation, became rejoicing for the Jews. When the enemies hoped to have power, but God gave His people the rule.

²The Jews gathered themselves together in all provinces.

There was fear on everyone.

The fear of Mordecai was on all men,

³rulers, deputies, lieutenants, so they helped the Jews in fighting.

The Jews destroyed many with the sword!

⁴Mordecai's name spelt fame in the king's house, and he grew greater even more.

⁵The Jews slew all of their enemies!

It was a great destruction.

⁶Five hundred men were slain in the palace;

⁷so too were Haman's ten sons, everyone:

Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

⁸Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

⁹Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha.

¹⁰They killed all the ten sons of Haman.

It was not the spoils they were after, they were just fighting for their lives.

¹¹They told the king the number,

and he spoke to Esther, his wife.

¹²The king said, "Five hundred men are slain in the palace;

so too are Haman's ten sons.

Make your request and I will grant it;

tell me what more shall be done?"

¹³So Esther responded to the king that day, "Let Haman's ten sons hang on the gallows he had made."

Esther asked also to do what the Jews had begun, on the following day.

¹⁴The king commanded and it was done; Haman's ten sons were hanged.

¹⁵And on the fourteenth day of Adar the Jews continued as the first.

They slew three hundred at Shushan's palace, but they did not touch the spoils.

¹⁶Seventy-five thousand in the provinces, and the enemies of the Jews too died.

The Jews had gathered themselves together and made a valiant stand for their lives.

They had rest from all sides over;

on the plunder they never laid their hands.

¹⁷The Jews gathered on the thirteenth day of the month Adar,

and rested on the fourteenth day, and celebrated with feasting and gladness the days of God's great salvation.

Oh, set time aside to reflect on God's goodness in your life.

¹⁸The Jews in Shushan assembled, on the thirteenth and fourteenth day,

and the fifteenth day was set aside, for a day of feasting and gladness,

for the victory God had designed.

¹⁹The Jews in the villages, the Jews all over,

the Jews in the un-walled towns

made these two days in Adar

a good day to celebrate God's love.

A day of feasting and of gladness, of sending portions all around,

²⁰Mordecai wrote these things,

and sent letters to the Jews near and far, in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus,

²¹to make it an established law;

that they would celebrate each year,

the fourteenth and fifteenth day of Adar,

²²as the days the Jews had rest from the enemies they feared;

the month which was changed from sorrow to joy,

where their mourning changed to laughter, and their enemies were destroyed.

A time when mourning changed to dancing.

At that time they sent presents to each other, and portions to the poor.

²³It became an accepted custom for the Jews, which Mordecai had written about.

It was a good day in Adar

when salvation came to them,

when sorrows became rejoicing

and God's love was displayed to men.

It became days of feasting and rejoicing,

exchanging of gifts from man to man,

when the heart looks up to heaven,

and the poor are thought upon!

²⁴For Haman had cast Pur (the lot) to consume and destroy them,

²⁵but Esther entreated the king to destroy Haman's device.

He commanded that the plot return upon Haman's head,

his sons were hung on his gallows with Haman also instead.

²⁶They called the days Purim after the name Pur, because of the letter and what had transpired for them.

²⁷God's deliverance must be remembered, the Jews made sure it never failed, that throughout all generations they would keep the Purim days.

At the prescribed time, these two days were kept each year.

²⁸That in every city and province, every Jewish family throughout time, should keep the days of Purim, that this would always be in their minds.

²⁹Esther the queen and Mordecai wrote and confirmed it in the authority of the king,

³⁰Mordecai sent letters with words of peace throughout the kingdom, in all the one hundred and twenty-seven provinces.

³¹To confirm the days of Purim, as Mordecai and Esther had prescribed. Concerning fasting and lamenting, that they had decreed for themselves and their descendants alike.

³²Esther's decree confirmed it, and it was written in a book.

For when God's love is shown to man; we must pause to be grateful, not just to look.

Days of giving and rejoicing:

Let giving to the poor be your delight;

For we must rejoice in God's salvation

Every new day of our life.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you can see Christ in the midst of your crisis begin rejoicing, the feasting is sure to follow.*
2. *Speak about it, celebrate it, rejoice in it, memorialize it, that is, every good thing the Lord has done in your life.*
3. *Speak about it, celebrate it, rejoice in Him, memorialize it, that is, the greatest gift God has given to you, His Son Jesus Christ.*
4. *Giving to others is a natural offshoot of celebrating God's generosity to you.*
5. *Purim is evidence that the spirit of Christ(mas) existed long before the earthly manifestation of Christ, but His coming is even more reason for people to be joyful and generous at heart every day on earth.*
6. *Evangelism flows naturally from a grateful heart.*

PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, help me never to forget how good You are to me, in the name of Jesus.
- Help me to memorialize Your gift of love in the package of Christ and to celebrate Him in my life daily.
- My Father my God, give me a generous spirit so I can truly live a life that reflects Your generosity to me, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Lord God of my salvation, give me the insatiable desire to celebrate it, to rejoice in it, to share it, and to declare this wonderful gift of salvation You have given to me, in Jesus' name.

**DO you seek the wealth of God's people?
Do you speak peace to godly seeds?
Are you waiting at the king's gate?
Then God will make you enter in.
You will be accepted by all people;
You will be the earthly king's right hand.
If you are prepared for God's service,
Then doors will swing wide open.**

ESTHER 10

¹King Ahasuerus laid a tribute, "On all the land, a tribute be."

The king also laid a tribute on all the islands of the sea.

²And all his acts of might and power, and how Mordecai was declared great, are written in the Persian Chronicles and spoken of in every place.

³But let me tell you of Mordecai, how the king advanced this man.

He was seated in the king's gate.

One day it swung wide open.

He was there and knocking daily, while his heart knocked on God's throne; and God knew that if He blessed him, it would not be for him alone.

So God swung the gates wide open, from then he sought his people's wealth.

And Mordecai spoke peace to all his people, and not peace to just himself.

Are you waiting for a blessing?

There is one thing you should know,

God is waiting just to bless you

If you will not stop the blessing flow.

Yes, if He can get the blessing through you.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Power, position, wealth, promotion, if it is from God then it is for God, if it is for God then it is for you, if it is for you then let it be for God's dictate.*
2. *God will set you up if you have the mindset to set Him up.*
3. *Kingdom first and everything else is added. If you can see His people, He will see you.*
4. *It cannot be all about you if it did not originate from you. Christ is the beginning of all things.*

PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, help me to understand the purpose of everything You have given me and give me the resolve and integrity to appropriate it correctly, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- O Lord my God, King of heaven and earth, give me a heart for Your kingdom. Help me to put the earth in the proper perspective so I can appropriate my time here wisely, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father God, I refuse to hang on to kingdom resources that You place in my hands. Help me not to seek to build my life here while I am on assignment here to build lives. Help me to represent Your kingdom and not myself, in the name of Your Son Jesus. Amen.