

'God's Hidden Providence and Preservation' - Esther 4 – Deeper Bible study – Oct. 21, 2026

BIG Idea: *Even in the midst of a crisis, God will lead you to live with spiritual authority!*

- Expressing concern...the power of r_____! (Esther 4:1-3)

"All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

Q. What is Mordecai hoping to accomplish, being at the gate with this sackcloth and wailing?

Q. What is repentance?

How many of us have been, either slightly or largely embarrassed by God, or by Scripture, or by other followers of Jesus?

- The power of h_____! (Esther 4:4-5)

Q. Why does Esther's initially send clean clothes instead of asking why Mordecai was mourning?

Esther 4:8-9 - ***Q. But what also, does Mordecai do here...with Hathach?***

Q. What do you think Hathach's reaction would have been?

- The power of knowing T_____! (Esther 4:6-10)

Q How does Esther's initial hesitation reveal her tension between being royal and her hidden identity as a Jew?

- The power of e_____! (Esther 4:11–14)

Mordecai is reminding Esther of four serious things,

1. Being a palace resident or even Queen, was no g_____ that she would be free from death. (Esther 4:13)
2. S_____ would not keep the Jews deliverance, from coming from another source.(Gen.12:1-3)
3. Esther's place in the palace was not by a_____! (Esther 4:14; Genesis 50:20)
4. God may not be in a h_____, but he w_____ fulfill His plans in His time!

Is God in control of this world? VS. Is God in control of our lives?

- The power of taking a s_____! (Esther 4:15–16; Acts 20:24)
- The power of being f_____! (Esther 4:17; Hebrews 11:6)
- Application: Esther's, and our d_____?

Prayer Time

Hymn: 'For Such A Time as This' - By Marty Goetz