



## ***“The Wrath of the King Abated”***

**Esther 5:1-7:10**

**Sermon Date: August 29th, 2010**

### **Prayer:**

Read through Psalm 139. Spend some time praising the Lord for His omniscience (the fact that He knows everything actual and possible, past, present, and future, in one single and eternal act). Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal to you anything that is hindering you from growing in your relationship with Him.

### **Scripture:**

Read Esther 5:1-7:10 and summarize the events that take place in each of the sections below.

Esther 5:1-8 –

Esther 5:9-14–

Esther 6:1-13 –

Esther 7:1-10 –

### **Study Questions:**

Haman had allowed his hatred of Mordecai to get to a point that nothing else mattered to him except Mordecai’s destruction (5:13). Have you allowed hatred of someone or something to take root in your heart? How is it impacting your relationship with the Lord and with other people?

Read Esther 6:6 and make note of the arrogance and pride that filled Haman’s heart and mind as he stood before the king. It is easy to be hard on Haman, but do you sometimes approach God with a similar sort of pride? Do you at times have an attitude that acts as if God owes you something for all of your good works? How does meditating on the cross of Christ help to combat that attitude?

After Haman was executed for his wrongdoings in chapter 7, we see the phrase, “Then the wrath of the king was abated” (7:10b). Do you realize that you were once under the wrath of a King far greater than King Ahasuerus? His wrath is a wrath that requires punishment of the sinful for all of eternity. Thanks be to God that, through Christ, the King’s wrath has been abated. That those who put their faith in Him can be with Him for all of eternity. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and express your gratitude for this truth before the Lord.

List the ways you see God coordinating the events of this story in chapters 5 through 7. Do you think any part of the story of Esther was a surprise to God? Refer to Psalm 139:1-6, Proverbs 19:21, and 1 John 3:20 to support your answer.

*“Faith is like a dying man taking a drink of water.”*  
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