

Esther 4:15-16 (NIV)

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:

¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. **And if I perish, I perish.**"

Isaiah 41:10-11 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, **for I AM your God**. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. ¹¹ "See, all your angry enemies lie there, confused and humiliated. Anyone who opposes you will die and come to nothing.

Isaiah 41:12-13 (NLT)

You will look in vain for those who tried to conquer you. Those who attack you will come to nothing. ¹³ For I hold you by your right hand - I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, **'Don't be afraid. I AM here to help you.**

The GREAT Reversal

Esther 5-6



→ **Courage is doing what you
MUST in spite of the FEAR**

¹ On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the **INNER COURT** of the palace, in front of the king's hall...

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And I say to you, **Don't be afraid.**

I AM here to HELP you.

Faith is **TRUSTING** God
to **DO**
what **ONLY He** can **DO**

No longer was the problem Mordecai's
lack of respect –
his existence was the issue. HOTC

→ **Bitterness CRIPPLES us**

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)

See to it that no one **misses the grace of God** and that **no BITTER ROOT** grows up to **cause trouble** and **defile many.**

Haman did **NOT** covet **money** or **power**, because **he already had both**. What he wanted was **the glory and splendor of royalty**, including **royal robes** and a **public parade**. HCSB

Although everyone else seemed to know about the Jews' impending destruction, the **king did not**; his secluded lifestyle made this possible. HOTC

Pagan advisers and a pagan wife of an evil man unknowingly stated **the central thrust** of this book: **neither Haman** nor **any other human** can possibly **stand against God's Chosen People...** BKC

→ **God HATES Pride and
Arrogance**

Proverbs 16:5 (HCS)

Everyone with a **PROUD** heart
is **DETESTABLE** to the LORD;
be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18 (HCS)

PRIDE comes before
destruction,
and an **arrogant spirit**
before a **fall**.

Pride is the essential vice the utmost evil: immorality, anger, greed, and drunkenness, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through **Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride** leads to every other vice: **it is the complete anti-God state of mind.** ...As long as you are proud you cannot know God at all. **A proud man is always looking down** on things and people: and, of course, **as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.** C. S. Lewis

Daniel 4:34-35 (NLT)

...I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. **His rule is everlasting**, and **His kingdom is eternal.** ³⁵ All the people of the earth are nothing compared to Him. He does as He pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop Him or say to Him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'

Daniel 4:37 (NLT)

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the **King of heaven**.

All His acts are **just and true**,

and **He** is able to **HUMBLE**

the **PROUD**.

**→ God LOVES it when we
TRUST Him to DO
what ONLY He can DO**

2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV)

...For **we have NO power** to face this
VAST ARMY that is attacking us.

We do not know what to do, **but our
eyes are upon YOU.**

2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT)

...This is what the **LORD** says:

Do **NOT** be **AFRAID**.

Don't be **DISCOURAGED**

by this mighty army,

for the **battle** is **NOT** yours, **BUT God's**.

2 Chronicles 20:21-24 (NLT)

...the king appointed **singers to walk ahead of the army**, singing to the **LORD** and praising Him for His holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give **thanks** to the **LORD**; **His faithful love endures forever!**”

²² **At the very MOMENT they began to sing** and give praise, **the LORD caused** the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir **to start fighting among themselves...**

24 So when the army of Judah arrived at the lookout point in the wilderness,

all they saw were dead bodies

lying on the ground as far as they could see.

**Not a single one of the enemy had
escaped.**