

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

August 9, 2020

Series: For Such a Time, Lessons from Esther



### OPENING OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA to have outdoor “office hours” on Wednesdays from 9-12 each week. This week he’ll be at the Mission Center (Hathaway) Pavillion and the following week he’ll be at Main Campus under the pop up tent. Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is king!

He is robed in majesty.

**P: Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty  
and armed with strength.**

L: The world is firmly established.

It cannot be shaken.

**P: Your throne, O Lord, has been established  
from time immemorial.**

L: You yourself are from the everlasting past.

**P: The mighty oceans have roared, O Lord.**

**The mighty oceans roar like thunder;  
the mighty oceans roar as they pound the shore.**

L: But mightier than the violent raging of the seas,  
mightier than the breakers on the shore--  
the Lord above is mightier than these!

**P: Your royal decrees cannot be changed.  
The nature of your reign, O Lord,  
is holiness forever.**

HYMN

We Utter our Cry 439 v 1, 2, 3, 6

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Psalm 93: Opening Prayer**

God, You reign!

Robed in majesty and armed with strength,  
You hold our world and our lives securely.

Your throne has stood for all eternity.  
From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Even when the waters rise up—  
when surging seas threaten to overwhelm us,  
and pounding waves crash around us—  
we know that You are mightier,  
You are more powerful than the threats we face.

Holy God,  
Your decrees are firm and unshakeable  
and will last forevermore.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever.  
Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1      CEB

Esther 6:1-13

**6** That same night, the king simply couldn't sleep. He had the official royal records brought in, and his young male servants began reading them to the king. <sup>2</sup> They came to the report about Mordecai informing on Bigthan and Teresh. (They were the two royal eunuchs among the guards protecting the king's doorway, who secretly planned to kill King Ahasuerus.) <sup>3</sup> "What was done to honor and reward Mordecai for this?" the king asked.

His young male servants replied, "Nothing was done for him, sir."

<sup>4</sup> "Who is that out in the courtyard?" the king asked. (Haman had just entered the outer courtyard of the palace. He had come to tell the king to impale Mordecai on the pole that he had set up for him.)

<sup>5</sup> The king's servants answered, "That's Haman standing out in the courtyard, sir." So the king said, "Have him come in."

<sup>6</sup> When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man whom the king really wants to honor?"

Haman thought to himself, Whom would the king really want to honor more than me? <sup>7</sup> So Haman said to the king, "Here's

what should be done for the man the king really wants to

honor. <sup>8</sup> Have servants bring out a royal robe that the king

himself has worn and a horse on which the king himself has

ridden. It should have a royal crest on its head. <sup>9</sup> Then hand

over the robe and the horse to another man, one of the king's

officials. Have him personally robe the man whom the king

really wants to honor and lead him on the horse through the

city square. As he goes, have him shout, 'This is what the king

does for the man he really wants to honor!'"

<sup>10</sup> Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse just as you've said and do exactly that for Mordecai the

**Jew, who works at the King's Gate. Don't leave out a single thing you've said!"**

**<sup>11</sup> So Haman took the robe and the horse and put the robe on Mordecai. He led him on horseback through the city square, shouting as he went, "This is what the king does for the man he really wants to honor!" <sup>12</sup> Afterward, Mordecai returned to the King's Gate, while Haman hurried home feeling great shame, his head covered.**

**<sup>13</sup> Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Both his friends and his wife said to him, "You've already begun to lose out to Mordecai. If he is of Jewish birth, you'll not be able to win against him. You are surely going to lose out to him."**

**LESSON 2      CEB**

**Esther 6:14-7:10**

**<sup>14</sup> They were still discussing this with him when several royal eunuchs arrived. They quickly hurried Haman off to the feast that Esther had prepared.**

**<sup>7</sup> When the king and Haman came in for the banquet with Queen Esther, <sup>2</sup> the king said to her, "This is the second day we've met for wine. What is your wish, Queen Esther? I'll give it to you. And what do you want? I'll do anything—even give you half the kingdom."**

**<sup>3</sup> Queen Esther answered, "If I please the king, and if the king wishes, give me my life—that's my wish—and the lives of my people too. That's my desire. <sup>4</sup> We have been sold—I and my people—to be wiped out, killed, and destroyed. If we simply had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have said nothing. But no enemy can compensate the king for this kind of damage."**

**<sup>5</sup> King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is this person, and where is he? Who would dare do such a thing?"**

**<sup>6</sup> Esther replied, "A man who hates, an enemy—this wicked Haman!" Haman was overcome with terror in the presence of the king and queen. <sup>7</sup> Furious, the king got up and left the banquet for the palace**

garden. But Haman stood up to beg Queen Esther for his life. He saw clearly that the king's mood meant a bad end for him.

<sup>8</sup> The king returned from the palace garden to the banquet room just as Haman was kneeling on the couch where Esther was reclining. "Will you even molest the queen while I am in the house?" the king said. The words had barely left the king's mouth before covering Haman's face with dread.

<sup>9</sup> Harbona, one of the eunuchs serving the king, said, "Sir, look! There's the stake that Haman made for Mordecai, the man who spoke up and did something good for the king. It's standing at Haman's house—seventy-five feet high."

"Impale him on it!" the king ordered. <sup>10</sup> So they impaled Haman on the very pole that he had set up for Mordecai, and the king's anger went away.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Power over Faithfulness"

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness 140

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

(Prayer: unison)

O God,

we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance.  
In offering these gifts,  
may we be strengthened to proclaim  
your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

God be with you till we Meet Again 672 v 2  
God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.