



Esther

Queen Esther had it all - beauty, social standing, the adoration of her husband, the respect of all of those around her, a loyal extended family. She possessed a pleasing disposition, humility, discernment, wisdom, courage, bravery, sympathy for others and (probably most impressive of all) an outstanding view of God's sovereignty. God placed Esther in a unique position, one that enabled her to save her people from death and annihilation at the hands of a truly evil man.

Esther is a great example of courage - of choosing to do the right thing even in the face of fear. Her life gives testimony to Psalm 56:3-4 -

“When I am afraid, I will trust in You.
In God, Whose Word I praise, In God I trust; I will not be afraid.
What can mortal man do to me?”

When faced with a very real and imminent danger at the hands of a horridly wicked and ruthless man, Queen Esther turned to her God. After days spent in prayer and fasting, she then proceeded courageously with confidence that she was in God's hands, regardless of the outcome. She completely and utterly trusted the unknown future to her known God.

And so can we.

1. List all the “facts” you know about Esther from the today’s Bible reading.

Day 1

Read Esther 1-10

2. Research and describe the world in which Esther lived.

1. Write a character sketch of Esther based on what is revealed about her life, her choices and her actions from today's readings. (Think: character qualities)

Day 2

Reread Esther 2, 4

2. What can you infer about Esther's thoughts or beliefs based on her actions?

1. What pivotal point(s) in Esther's life do you see?
What was her response to each?

Day 3

Reread Esther 5, 6:14-7:10

2. What can we learn from Esther's life or her example? Be specific.

1. How do you relate to Esther or elements from her story?

Day 4

Reread Esther 8, 9

2. What is God showing you through Esther's testimony?

1. What overall theme(s) do you notice in Esther's life?

2. From the above list, pick the one theme God is impressing upon you and research what His Word has to say on that specific topic.

Day 5

Reread Esther 1-10

3. Write a third person introduction to Esther below based on your personal application from today.