

Queen Esther

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your grace. Even on this beautiful day, we come before You. We pray that may our hearts be like a fertile soil as You are about to speak to us. We also pray for Your servant that You will speak through him as he is about to deliver. As the bible says your word is sharper than any two double edge sword, may we be corrected, taught and edified through Your word in Jesus' name (Amen).

Study

We will be looking at the case study of a character in the bible. It will really help us learn a lot and I want us to follow keenly today.

Since we have known that we are looking at Esther as our case study. I want to lay the foundation of the teaching now. Please, stay with me.

Esther 2:7

"And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter."

Esther, also known as Hadassah, was an orphan. Her parents were dead and the book of Esther did not let us know the kind of death that killed her parent. It was just recorded that her parent were dead. However, according to deep research and some of the removed books of the bible, their death was recorded. Esther's father died during her pregnancy, and her mother died during childbirth. But, it's not stated in the 66 books of the bible. That's not our emphasis though! We saw from the word of

God how her cousin took her and trained her till she grew up. It's to be noted of that we should be accommodating. There are families who can never accommodate external person to live with them. They are not accommodating and never entertain visitors. This is bad and not a good attribute of a Christian. A Christian must be accommodating and caring to everyone. Mordecai, the cousin of Esther did not only take in Esther, He took her as his own daughter. Which means all the benefits his children would have enjoyed if he had children, Esther also would have enjoyed. He was not partial neither did he show favouritism. He was a father and a mother to Esther.

Mordecai took care of Esther and didn't look at the fact that she wasn't his daughter. He took care of her to the extent that she looked fair and beautiful. If she had starved and had not been taken care of, her beauty wouldn't have been noticed. But, because she was well taken care of, she was fair and beautiful. Our attitude towards others should be the same with how

we want them to treat us. Now, let's look at the attributes of Esther before she became a queen and even after she became a queen. As we look at her attributes, we will also relate it to how things are supposed to be in this generation of ours.

Attributes of Esther:

1. She was well cultured:

Despite how Mordecai was the one who took care of Esther in the absence of her Father and mother, Esther wasn't spoilt. She respected elders and behaved in a good manner.

Esther 2:9

"And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women."

Esther was of good behavior and her behavior attracted favor. A lot of people these days have poor characters. The way they speak to elders is so poor and bad. They regard no one and honour no one. This is a very bad attitude! We should emulate the behaviour of Esther and be good in our conduct towards others.

2. She was obedient:

Esther was not a disobedient child. Despite her beauty, she was not wayward but obedient to even her cousin.

Esther 2:10

"Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not show it."

Esther 2:20

"Esther had not yet showed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him."

Esther followed what Mordecai told her, she didn't disobey and go against Mordecai's words. Disobedience is one of those things that many allow in them these days. Even in churches, some would be directed by the ushers or protocol to sit in a particular place, but they will decline and sit wherever they. It's not as though they have concrete reasons for doing that, they just want to show that they cannot be controlled by anybody anyhow. This is how disobedient they can be. Some will always do what they wish to do no matter how much they are corrected in the house of God and even by their parents. We see that Esther wasn't disobedient at all. She believed Mordecai would understand more than she did, so she hearkened to him.

3. She was compassionate and had a good heart:

Esther 4:4

"So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly

grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not."

After Esther became queen, she didn't look down on her cousin, she still revered him and took him highly. When Mordecai's soul was down and he put on sackcloth, Esther felt bad. This was due to her good heart. She sent clothes to him for him to be covered but he didn't receive the clothes. Esther was troubled because of her cousin. This shows how compassionate she was. We should have a good heart towards everybody. Don't put people in mind because of your hatred for them. Put yourself in people's shoes. We have a lot of people who are not considerate these days. They do what they like even if it affects their fellow brethren. We should have compassion on others especially those who are less privileged. Whenever we are in position, we should always consider those who do not have and give. Esther would have done what she did to

Mordecai to any of the Jews who lacked good clothes.

4. She was determined and a good leader:

Because of how Esther felt for her people, she declared a marathon fast for the Jews and herself. It takes determination not to eat nor drink being in the king's palace where varieties of dishes are being prepared daily.

Esther 4:15-16

"Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."

She didn't seclude herself from the fast, being a queen. Instead, she joined the fast. Many times, we have seen leaders who give instructions but find it hard to follow the instructions themselves. Some would tell their members not

to come late but they themselves will always find it hard to come early to services. They don't lead by examples. Esther wasn't like this! She gave a decree and also partook in it. Even Jesus did what He taught. He didn't just teach, He put them into actions. We should always demonstrate anything we teach others or tell others to do. Esther didn't care about what would become of her, she was determined to go in to the king irrespective of whatever happens to her. She was willing to sacrifice her life for the sake of her people. If as a leader, you are not living a life of sacrifice, you will not make a good leader. You have to sacrifice your sleep, money, time and resources for your followers to be built. A leader is meant to live a life of sacrifices!

5. She was a humble woman:

I have heard people say "women in position tend to be proud and wicked" but Esther's wasn't like that. She was very humble, even in approaching the king. Position tends to bring out the real personality of a person. You would

notice that, before some are put in position, they look very innocent and humble. But, the moment you put them in a position, their true self comes out. No matter the position you are placed in, please try to be humble. Abraham was humble and he entertained visitors not knowing at first that he was entertaining the Almighty God in his home. What a privilege! Truly God exalts the humble and brings down the proud! One major thing to also learn through Esther's story is how that she went through training in the house of Mordecai. In this generation, we gave a lot of Esther's (as male and female) whom God is building and training in the house of the Mordecai of life. You might be passing through tough times, yet that is what God is using to train you ahead because of the time you would be in the palace. If Esther had not been trained properly by Mordecai, she might have behaved unruly in the palace. The story shows us that, before you can be in the palace, you must undergo a process called the "training process". Daniel and

his friends underwent this process before they could serve in the king's palace.

Daniel 1:4

"Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans."

Daniel 1:5

"And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king."

They were to be trained for three years and fed well. This is to prepare them for the palace and make them fit for the palace work. God does not just lift men, He makes them pass through the training process before He lifts them and make them known. Look at Joseph, before he became

someone reckoned with in the palace, he passed through pit, Potiphar's house and prison. All those times were his training process. Esther didn't jump the process, she stayed with Mordecai till she was done with the process, even though she wasn't aware it was her process. Esther wasn't half baked. We have a lot of half baked Christians these days. They have not fully undergone the training process. They have not really stayed with God. Therefore, the moment some of the gifts of the spirit started working in them, they went out to announce themselves and make themselves known, even when it's not yet time for them to be out. These half-baked christians mostly returns to their source (God) after they have been dealt with by the devil. That's when they remember they have neglected the Spirit of God and ran after performing miracles. The experience you are passing, someone else has passed through it and scaled through. It shows that God allows some people to pass through some situations so that they can deliver some from such situations. The reason you are passing through a

particular ordeal might be so that you can show someone the way out in the next 10 years. Let's assume that some sees Esther and comes to meet her complaining the he or she is an orphan and he or she doubts if it's possible to make it in life without parents. Esther would easily answer and tell such person about her story and it would lift such person's Spirit up. That's one of the advantages of the training process. Lets also note something about Esther. She was a virgin that was why she met the qualifications they were searching for, for the king.

Esther 2:2

"Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:"

Esther kept herself away from worldly pleasures. She stayed away from fornication. It's good for every male and female to stay away from sexual immoralities. If Esther had not kept herself, she wouldn't have qualified to even be

one of those who would stand before the king. Sexual Purity really matters! We have to be sexually pure. No fornication or adultery should be encouraged. I checked through the status of a particular TV and I was very surprised to see comments from young lads, people of very tender ages like 15 years old, 17 years old and I was shocked! A particular 17 year old girl said she has had sex 22 times and I was dumbfounded! The question is, who were the males she was committing fornication with and even despite her age, she had the guts to go about having sex all around. I was so pained and pricked in heart. If someone as small as that could be involving in such things, I wonder how far she would have gone by the time she gets to age 30, if God does not arrest her now. I couldn't even locate her to preach to her because she was anonymous. I wept within me. We should learn to keep ourselves the way Esther did. She was very beautiful yet she maintained her decency! I once heard a man of God say how two females were sent to the university by the devil to destroy the lives of

men. Anyone they slept with began to battle with instability in life. When the power of God came down and arrested them, they confessed and could not count the number of men they had slept with, because they were in the final year at that time. They had destroyed so many male students through sex. If Esther had been sleeping all around, her destiny would have been destroyed. But she kept herself. Let's learn from the lifestyle of Esther and ensure we keep ourselves pure. May God help us.

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